

The Flashlight

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Keller takes position of MU Interim Provost

By LEAH BURROUS
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Dr. Peter Keller will officially take over the position of former Provost Dr. Michael Lane on Feb. 7, according to a recent press release. Lane said he has enjoyed his time here but was offered a new position in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

He said the move is a wise career decision that would move him to a larger college. He also stated that the move would bring him closer to his relatives.

As Keller prepares to take on his new position, he looks to make some changes within the university; he doesn't think that a temporary provost should 'hold the line.' "It's not good enough," he

said. "Mansfield is going to move forward in the next six months." More specifically, Keller wants to build strength with advising. He also plans to prepare every student with a "plan for success."

UNV 1100 is a class that is familiar to students at Mansfield University. Some find the class useful, but for others it has been another story. For those who want something done about this there is hope. As the new Interim Provost, Dr. Keller wants to improve the topics covered and "make sure that the course is as good as it can be."

Keller's replacement is not official until February, but he is already busy with 13-14 hour

days. He said there is not enough staff for the provost and he is "one person doing several jobs."

In his spare time, he will be putting his best people into looking for a permanent provost. "We are not going to be sitting still or waiting to see what happens," Keller said. The provost position must be permanently filled before his contract runs out June of 2005. "I think Mansfield will be successful in attracting a good (permanent) Provost."

Looking back at his time spent in Mansfield, Land feels that "we have come a long way. When I first came to Mansfield, all registration was done by people

lining up to fill out forms. Now we have 72 classrooms enhanced with technology."

Lane is confident with the abilities of the temporary Provost. "He'll do an excellent job; he has a good perspective on the larger picture of the institution." He feels that Keller's background gives him more insight. Keller was a professor in the Psychology Department for 30 years and has worked with both staff and students.

Keller promises change in the months to follow. He will concentrate his efforts in the learning forum. "I want to make sure that all Mansfield students are engaged with learning," he said.



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New Interim Provost, Peter Keller makes promises for the future.

"V" Stands for Victory, Valentine, and Vagina

By ERICA HUDOCK
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The Mansfield University Advocacy Office is organizing the production and performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in support of a global effort to educate people about violence against women. Students involved with the advocacy program are taking charge of the event by directing, seeking per-

formers and asking for additional volunteers to assist in the student-run show which will be presented on Feb. 16 and 17. This performance is specifically connected with the efforts of a non-profit corporation called V-Day.

V-Day was founded by Eve Ensler, the writer of "The Vagina Monologues", in 1998. In order to write this play, Ensler interviewed hundreds of women with stories about sexual abuse, rape, incest, and domestic violence. From this she not only wrote "The Vagina Monologues," but decided to create an organization that "promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations," according to the official website. Now with the project in motion, Ensler and teams across the world perform this increasingly celebrated play around Valentine's Day (V-Day), raising money for various organizations to protect women from violence.

"V-Day's mission is simple," the official site reads. "It demands that the violence must end. It proclaims Valentine's Day as V-Day until the violence stops. When all women live in safety, no

longer fearing violence or the threat of violence, then V-Day will be known as Victory Over Violence Day."

Last year, more than 2000 V-Day benefit events were held around the world in places such as England, Australia, South Africa and the Philippines, according to the website. Most of the benefits raised from the on-campus production will be sent directly to such local establishments as ARC and HAVEN of Tioga County.

"It all goes to a good cause," Hillary Grumbine, Advocacy member, said. "Most of it is distributed locally." The remaining 10% goes to a special project fund organized each year. For 2005, V-Day has chosen to send these funds to Afghanistan.

Because this event has reached so many women across the globe, Advocacy Director Elizabeth Shaffer, encouraged her team to get involved.

"I wanted students to be involved because I believe it's the best way to run it," Shaffer said. "The V-Day copyright guidelines encourage it."

Students performed the show two years ago in honor of V-Day.

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Writer, Eve Ensler celebrates V-Day efforts with actress, Jane Fonda.



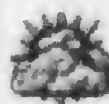
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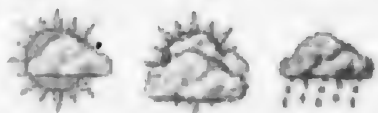


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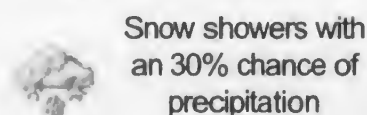
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Weekly Weather



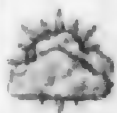
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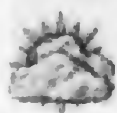
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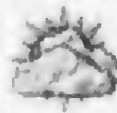
SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 20° Low: 8°

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation

High: 22° Low: 10°

MONDAY



Snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 28° Low: 15°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 30° Low: 22°

WEDNESDAY



Snow shower with a 4% chance of precipitation.

High: 34° Low: 25°

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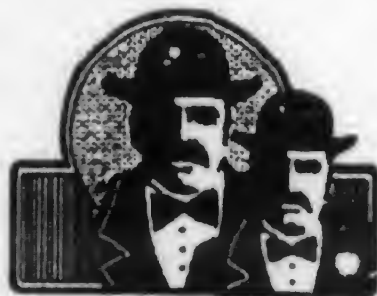
Campus Bulletin Board

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED! For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Alternative Spring Break Experience?** United Campus Ministry will be taking MU students to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this spring break (March 5-13, 2005). To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

★ **President Halstead would like to invite all members of the Mansfield University community to participate in a Town Meeting** entitled "Institutional Enrollment Management Plan Draft Discussion 2005-2009". This event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in 307 AHUB. A light lunch will be provided at noon with the Town Meeting to follow from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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★ Abusers use various tactics to maintain power and control over someone. In rural communities especially, isolation is used to sever contact with family and friends and leaves the victim feeling like there is no way out. If you, or someone you know, is in a relationship where your partner is using isolation as a way to control you, there is a way out. Please call 24 hours a day and speak with an advocate.

★ Try to imagine a world where children go to school just to be ridiculed by their classmates. Try to imagine a world where a woman is accused of infidelity because she took longer at the grocery store than she was supposed to. Try to imagine a world where an elderly man is afraid of his own children because of the physical pain they inflict every day while taking "care" of him. This world should not be too hard to imagine because unfortunately, it is the world you currently live in and we all have a responsibility to make it better.

★ Are you willing to lend a listening ear and an open heart? HAVEN of Tioga County has both paid and volunteer positions are open on our team for part-time COUNSELOR/ADVOCATES at Hope House, the local domestic violence shelter. We need committed individuals who are interested in helping others involved in difficult relationships through individual or group options counseling, answering the hotline, or helping with clerical tasks and support services. Full training is provided at no cost. All volunteers and paid staff must complete the required training to become certified as a domestic violence/sexual assault advocate. Act 33/34 clearance is required for paid staff and volunteers. For more information contact:

Bobbie Preston-Executive Director
HAVEN of Tioga County
6 Old Tioga Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901
or call one of the numbers below

★ Webster defines tolerance as "a fair and permissive attitude toward those whose race, religion and nationality differ from one's own." Given that definition, how tolerant are you? Quite often, someone's race, religion or sexual orientation is used as the reason for the abuse that is being perpetrated against them. NO ONE deserves to be abused-NO ONE!

★ There is one word for an 18-year old who is having sex with a 14-year old: Rapist. If you are 15 years or younger and dating someone four or more years older than you, and you have sex, it's rape. Even if you love each other and even if you say yes- it is still rape.

For more information about any of the above contact HAVEN at 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447. All services are free and confidential.

MU Students meet FBI profilers in Virginia

For Mansfield University music students, it would have been the academic equivalent of them attending an eight hour music performance and seminar with Beethoven and Mozart; for psychology students, it was the equivalent of hearing Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung speak. For Mansfield University students interested in violent crime behavior and serial murder, they heard two of the world's most well-known serial murder criminal investigative analysts, or better known as profilers - Robert Ressler and Roy Hazelwood, speak this past weekend in Fairfax, Virginia, for an eight hour lecture discussing sexual fantasy, sexually sadistic murderers and their compliant victims, and organized and disorganized criminal behaviors.

Ressler and Hazelwood, both retired FBI supervisory special agents and former members of the world famous Behavioral Science Unit at the FBI's National Training Academy located in Quantico, Virginia. They now consult and conduct occasional seminars nationwide. For seminar participants, it was literally a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear both



PHOTO FROM WWW.AUG.EDU

Robert Ressler spoke to an audience in Virginia last week, including students from Mansfield.

Hazelwood and Ressler speak together. For Ressler and Hazelwood, both critically acclaimed authors, it marked the last time they would probably appear together on stage, the last time being over 15 years ago while they were conducting the now famous "road shows" for the FBI. These "road shows" trained police all over the country in subject matter such as serial sadistic behavior, crime scene analysis in violent crimes, and introducing them to serial murder.

A total of 30 Mansfield and Nipissing University students attended the event sponsored by George Mason University. Mansfield University students teamed up with Nipissing University students who are taking a two-part, year long course in serial murder taught by Dr. Scott Thornsley. Thornsley teaches the class in Mansfield, and it is televised live to Nipissing University, located in North Bay, Ontario, Canada. A total of 161 people attended the seminar, whose participants came from 14 states, Canada.

Participants included current and former FBI agents, police from the Northeast, and schools such as University of Virginia, Wichita State, John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC, University of North Carolina, and the University of Michigan. While at the conference, Dr. Thornsley joined up with best friend and Mansfield alumni Dean Van Bibber ('76) and his 12 students. Bibber is now an associate professor of criminal justice at Fairmont University. Currently Thornsley is discussing dates to have Roy Hazelwood appear at Mansfield University during the Fall 2005 semester.

News in a flash: News of the Region

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

BRADFORD COUNTY, Pa. - Brenda Mott, the wife of a Bradford County judge, was charged on Jan. 14 with stealing over \$500,000 from the Canton Water and Sewer Authority while she was employed there as a bookkeeper. She is charged with forgery, theft and tampering with public records. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 4.

HUGHESVILLE, Pa. - The 2005 Relay for Life Kick Off will be held on Feb. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lycoming Mall Community Room. This year's relay will be held at the Hughesville High School beginning at 4 p.m. June 3 until 4 p.m. on June 4. The Relay for Life raises money for cancer research as well as celebrates cancer survivors.

MANSFIELD, Pa. - Sixteen Mansfield University students and one staff member have been called to active duty in Iraq. University

President John Halstead said that the students' presence will be missed by their classmates and instructors. He also said that he is very proud to have met them and wishes them a safe return.

HUGHESVILLE, Pa. - This Thursday, Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Jesse R. Stryker will be a major part of the 55th presidential inauguration. He was selected to be watchchief to oversee operations at the communications "nerve center" for the Joint Task Force Armed Forces Inaugural committee.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - On Monday Jan. 10, an Elmira Correctional Facility counselor was attacked by Alton Hutchinson, who is serving 25-50 years for attempted murder and rape. The police have not yet identified the victim who remains in the intensive care unit at Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

Information was taken from www.sun-gazette.com and www.star-gazette.com

What in the world

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

National News:

FORT HOOD, Texas - An army reservist, Specialist Charles A. Graner Jr., was accused of being the ringleader in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal. After five hours of deliberation, a jury of 10 soldiers found him guilty of assault, conspiracy, maltreatment of detainees, committing indecent acts, dereliction of duty, and one battery count. Graner has been sentenced to 10 years in military prison.

ORLANDO, Fla. - Joshua Smith lost control of his vehicle and drove off Interstate 4 at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. He remained trapped until Thursday morning, more than 30 hours since he was last seen. His vehicle crashed through a guardrail, falling over 100 yards down an embankment, not landing far from a lake. Firefighters cut away the roof of Smith's truck to free him. Smith

suffered head injuries but is now in stable condition.

LA CONCHITA, Calif. - Four more bodies, three children, were pulled from the 25-foot-deep mountain of mud shortly after 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12. This brings the death toll to 10 since the mudslide, which buried 15 houses and damaged 16 more. Authorities believe there are at least three more people buried in the rubble.

PARK CITY, Utah - An avalanche occurred on Friday Jan. 14 near the canyons after weeks of heavy wet snow. The avalanche was 500 yards wide, a mile and a half long and the snow is 30 feet deep. One skier is confirmed dead and as many as four are still missing. If their deaths are confirmed, it will bring the total of avalanche deaths up to 11, the highest recorded since 1951.

MANTEO, North Carolina - Early Saturday morning, 34

whales beached themselves along a five mile stretch of coastline. Twenty four pilot whales died, seven more were euthanized because they were suffering. In Corolla, a single minke whale was found dead and two pygmy sperm whales were found near Buxton. It is very common for pilot whales to beach themselves but scientists are still investigating the reason.



World News:

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Early last Friday morning, a minibus carrying Iraqi civilians collided head-on with a U.S. tank when it tried to pass a slower moving vehicle. Six people were killed and eight more

were injured. The tank attempted to turn away but it was too late and the bus collided head on. The 1st Infantry Division stopped and provided first aid.

RAMALLAH, West Bank - On Saturday Jan. 15, Mahmoud Abbas was sworn in as the Palestinian president. During the brief ceremony, Abbas called for a cease-fire to end more than four years of violence. Abbas' election as president has raised hopes that the daily violence will end. He said that Palestinians and Israelis are "destined to live side by side and share this land".

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia - Three weeks after the recent tsunami hit, the U.S. military is preparing to finish up its relief efforts and let other international aid organizations take over. Indonesia was hit the hardest, where more than 113,000 people died. The U.S. does not want to overstay their welcome but will

not be leaving until they are positive that Indonesia is taken care of.

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has acknowledged that certain areas in Iraq are still unsafe for voters. Insurgents continue to their efforts to disrupt the campaign killing at least 15 Iraqis, more than 100 Iraqi police officers and soldiers, and attacking one of the main election offices. In his address Allawi expressed his hope that American and Iraqi security forces will be able to control these areas before the election on Jan. 30.

BUCHAREST, Romania - Adriana Iliescu, a 67 year-old woman, gave birth to a baby girl early Sunday morning making her the world's oldest recorded mother. The girl was born six weeks early and weighs just 3.19 pounds.

Information was taken from www.nytimes.com and www.CNN.com

The Greek Letter

By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

Welcome to a new semester and a new Flashlight column! For those of you who are new to the Flashlight, my name is Emilee and I am the Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs and Community Service Learning. The fraternities and sororities at Mansfield are an essential part of campus life and I invite each one of you to come out and learn a bit more about them. Mansfield University currently recognizes seven fraternities and sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Phi Mu Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. All of these groups are looking for new people to become a part of the Greek system and take advantage of the many opportunities that Greek Life has to offer.

Each semester begins with a structured week of recruitment activities, however Greek life is about a lot more than just recruitment. Students involved in Greek organizations have a busy schedule throughout the semester. In addition to their own academic schedules, fraternity and sorority mem-

bers are involved in community service and philanthropic projects both on and off campus. Although most Greeks are very active in their own organizations, you will also find Greeks involved in a variety of other organizations, including the Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Councils. These two groups serve as the governing bodies for fraternities and sororities and also offer extensive leadership opportunities.

Throughout the semester each Greek organization will have many of their own activities as well as getting together to work as a whole. Some of those highlights will include recruitment week, Greek Week, the Northeast Greek Leadership Association conference, Order of Omega inductions and other activities on campus which will be brought to your attention through this column. If you are interested in becoming a part of Greek life, or if you have questions about our system please feel free to contact the office of Greek Affairs by calling me at 662-4177 or Jody Hare at 662-4981. You can also check us out on the web at www.mnsfld.edu/~grees, we look forward to hearing from you!

Student awarded Minority Undergraduate Fellowship

MANSFIELD, PA (12/15/04) - Mansfield University student Charee Grover has been selected for the 2004-05 Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MUFP).

As a MUFP Fellow, Grover will receive formal mentoring, networking opportunities and literature review. She will also have access to internship and graduate school opportunities and attend a leadership conference.

"Charee has been extremely involved, serving as a resident assistant, chairperson for the All Residence Hall Council, Orientation Team leader, a member of the Committee on Finance and as a member of the Spirit Committee," Vice President for Student Affairs Shari Clarke said. "Her selection is based on her obvious commitment and leadership in

Student Life. The MUFP program will serve to expand her knowledge of the field."

The senior from Pittsburgh will graduate in May with a BA in Liberal Studies. She plans on attending graduate school. Her goal is a career in higher education and student affairs.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," Grover said. "This fellowship will take my experience here at Mansfield, build on it, and help me learn more about student affairs."

The mission of the MUFP program, sponsored by the National Association of Student Professional Administrators, is to increase the number of people of ethnic minority and people with disabilities in student affairs and higher education.

'Monologues'

"It had been very popular when it was done two years ago," Shaffer said. "It's a good play that involves people. It's not only defending women while the performance is being done, but it also works against violence as a benefit performance. It's a play involved in changing society."

Grumbine will be directing the performance with the help of fellow advocate, Emilee Danielson.

"Emilee had been in the show before and had been phenomenal," Shaffer said. "She's a graduate student with a lot of experience."

With so many accounts of violence against women, the play offers information and awareness even to those

who feel this is not a concern for them.

"[Shaffer] thought it would be a better angle to have students run the show," Grumbine said. "It's not so much about acting. Most of it is monologues of lives of women. It talks about the things women don't usually talk about."

"This is not just for women," Grumbine said. "Rape and abuse is not just a woman's problem. It's hard for some guys to sit down and listen to these topics, and I am so proud when I see them there to support the people involved and the issues being talked about. It is so important to have both a male and female audience."

An informational meeting and auditions for "The Vagina Monologues" will be held at 7:00p.m. on Jan. 20 in AHUB 307. A make-up audition session will be held at 7:00p.m. on Jan. 26 in AHUB 307.

Involvement in the production includes: acting, set creation, complimentary activities, etc and both men as well as women are encouraged to participate. If unable to attend call Emilee @x 4177 or Elizabeth @x4939. Play events are student directed and student produced

An alternate informational and audition night will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26 in AHUB 307, Auditions by appointment only on this night!

MLK Day kicked off with guest speak-

MANSFIELD, PA (1/4/05)- Mansfield University held its annual campus celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Friday, January 14. The civil rights leader, assassinated in 1968, would have been 76 years old on January 15.

The theme of this year's celebration was "The Dream in the 21st Century: The Media's Role and Responsibility."

Vernon Lapps, retired professor in the MU Communication and Theatre Department, spoke about the progress of blacks and other minorities in the media from the 1960s to the present. He concluded that, "If the media is any measure, 'The Dream' is in good position heading into the 21st Century. The representation of minorities in TV, film and print is better now than it has even been, but there is still work to be done.

Addressing how Latinos are portrayed and represented in the media, Associate Professor of Education and Special Education Jesus "Rick" Lucero told the audience that he sometimes asks, "Where have you gone Ricky Ricardo?"

Despite being the second largest minority in the U.S., Lucero said that the media representation of



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Dr. A. Vernon Lapps was one of the guest speakers during the Martin Luther King Day observation.

Latinos has improved some in recent years, but not enough. "Part of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream was opportunity," he said. "The country is changing and I hope we see more people of color in the media in the future. It benefits all of us because we'll better understand who we are."

Provost Mike Lane asked the assembly, "Who is responsible for the way the media portrays minorities? You and I are. The media is reacting to us."

Lane urged the crowd to make their feelings known to the media and advertisers and demand change. "Start like one man (Martin Luther King Jr.) did," he said. "Don't believe that one person can't

make a difference."

Lane also led the crowd in the singing of *Lift Every Voice*, the anthem of the Civil Rights movement.

Jannis Floyd, Associate Professor of Education and Special Education, and sponsored by the President's Advisory Board for Diversity, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Students Services, and the Mansfield University Activities Council coordinated and moderated the event.

2005 Spring Semester Horoscopes

By NATOSHIA SHADE
Flashlight Writer



ARIES

March 21-April 19

You'll be working hard this semester with not much opportunity for play, but it's worth it! Once March rolls around, you will want to concentrate on your health and appearance, but it'll be worth it. Just a reminder, from mid-March to mid-April, to bite your tongue when it comes to that special someone! It will result in revealing your most heartfelt desires. April will be a birthday month to remember with a solar eclipse early in the month which could also mean the starting of a new relationship. If you are single...keep your eyes open!! Just be sure it's what you want. That special someone could be a little too focused on you-and no one likes to be smothered, especially you Aries.



TAURUS

April 20-May 20

The New Year brings about the chance to make some definite changes in your life; the most interesting happening after January 20th. The hard part will be deciding who or what you want, but once you do you will reach those goals and so much more! Your spring will start on March 18th and don't be afraid to flaunt what you have! There will be positive feedback. If you're in a relationship-nothing but smooth sailing ahead. Your worst problem this spring could be to determine which interesting offer to reject and which to accept. The lunar eclipse at the end of April will ask you to focus your relationships on one-on-one encounters.



GEMINI

May 21-June 21

You've had some financial issues lately, but they will be drawing to a close this winter. You can finally concentrate on enjoying life. Party it up during February and March! Just remember, tie up those loose ends from January 19th through the 25th. The full moon on the 25th will be your inspiration to finish up all of that work, but after that it's time to relax and enjoy the ride! You'll have to do some

brief but deep thinking at the beginning of February but it will result in sweet treats for the rest of winter. Looking deeper into others and yourself will really peak late March to early April. April will also bring about some friendship and group connection changes. You may be put in charge of a previously recreational situation-don't worry; you'll love every minute of it!



CANCER

June 22-July 22

The first few weeks of the New Year are going to be very busy, but keep your goals in sight! Rewards are coming! Break out of your typical routine around the 21st of January. If you're a couple you may have felt a little too confined, at the end of 2004, and if you're single, the winter may have left you feeling unenthused. This is your chance to envision it and make it happen! January 22nd through the 29th is a great time to start. Your generosity will increase in March; just make sure the benefactors are worth it. Spring is looking to be another hard working time for you and it starts as soon as April 8th with the solar eclipse. This event will affect your public reputation. Take it into your own hands. The lunar eclipse on April 24th will shed some new light onto your friendships, and accept the chance to take on a leadership position.



LEO

July 23-August 22

As the year starts off, you may feel torn between putting in more time with school work and spending some quality time alone relaxing. If you use your time wisely, you can find a healthy balance. During February your relationship will keep you busy. If you're single, get out there and look-and February 8th looks promising! Spring will bring the urge to do something new and interesting. You may be feeling a little indecisive around March 15th, give it some time and you'll have an answer. You'll also be creating some excitement around the 21st of March. The week of April 11th is a good time for single Leos to tone it down a bit while Leo's in

couples will be blooming. But don't be dismayed.



VIRGO

August 23-Sept 22

The first half of the New Year may seem very different from the second. Winter and spring will bring thoughts about money issues, but they will be resolved. Finances will not be an issue though. Listen to others and you won't be steered in the wrong direction. The New Year also brings about your urge to put everything in its place-even with romantic matters. Remember, it doesn't fit that easily into tiny niches. January 20th is a good time to start listening to your elders. Watch what you say to that special someone from mid-March to mid-April. The chance of your sweetheart misunderstanding you is very high! The dual eclipses in April send your spring into the right direction. Be on the look out from someone out of town who will enter your life and more romance!



LIBRA

Sept 23-Oct 22

Your luck will be amazing this year Libra! You can do (and accomplish) anything! Use your fantastic matchmaking skills during January and February. You'll be thanked. In March you'll see rewards for it! Don't be upset if plans get canceled or adjusted this winter; by the end of February you will see a reason for it all! March 25th brings about a change in your focus from work to your relationships. Cater to the dear ones in your life and they'll be happy to return the favor. The solar eclipse on April 8th brings a new attitude for you. Don't put up with being overworked/burdened. The lunar eclipse on the 24th turns the heat up in your relationship with a certain someone and things will be getting more intimate.



SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Laws, education, and politics will be at the forefront of your mind. Just remember, even though you have a strong opinion others are entitled to theirs! January will be a month where you will seldom be quiet. You have the urge to lecture

this month and you will be good at it. The first half of winter will seem to rush by, but slow down during February and March, you are going to want to enjoy this time! The pace of life and relationships picks back up in spring. The lunar eclipse on the 24th of April will illuminate your love life. It gives you the chance to get closer to your current partner or find someone new who will be a part of your life for a while. If you've recently come out of a relationship-take it slow!



SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

During 2005 you'll have the chance to cash in on the stellar reputation you've been creating. By January though, you will be able to enjoy your favorite leisure activities. You may choose to enjoy your leisure activities in private, but you definitely won't be alone unless you choose to be! Money matters might be a problem, make sure you have someone trusted you can talk to! Let it go on March 25th and concentrate on turning up the volume and intensity in your love life! You may have the urge to settle down this spring, but remember that you can have a life and a relationship at the same time. You just have to choose the right partner!



CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

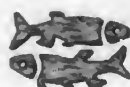
Your ruling planets will be urging you to focus on relationships and getting closer and more intimate with someone you just learned to trust. You will be just as concerned as always about school-work and your career. You will be rewarded for your efforts in all departments and as soon as January 9th. You'll be focused on personality and appearance for the rest of winter. January will bring the urge to quit a bad habit or go on a diet. February you'll want to work on money matters-it could be tight. Explore unconventional possibilities. The full Moon on March 25th will shed light on a family matter that you've been worried about. Let everything go and show your true emotions. The solar eclipse in April will bring closure.



AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

As the New Year starts, you are prone to speak your mind and let your opinions be heard. January will be a quiet month; you feel that you need some time to yourself...so take it! After February 24th, be careful with money, and watch out for someone who may try to take advantage of you. From March 20th on you will say what you want and how you feel. Be careful around those who aren't as well blessed as you are in the communication realm. The strong-willed you continues through April and even after the lunar eclipse on the 24th you will still be hard to contain.



PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

You'll be focused on making a name for yourself in a group situation as the New Year starts. You'll do an amazing job and be remembered for some time. During January, you will be focused on financial issues and intimate relationships. All will work out well as long as you aren't afraid to ask for and follow-the advice of elders. The new Moon on March 10th will make you want to focus on your physical appearance. Sometimes, it never hurts to put your emotions on the backburner for a little bit! April will bring about more money issues, but maybe not bad. If you play your cards right you could have more money to spend at this time. After April 15th you'll be ready to argue your way to the top. Make those constructive changes and make them quickly!

CELEBS IN THE STARS



Jennifer Aniston

Aquarius

Feb. 11, 1969

Now that Jen and Brad are no longer together, Jennifer needs to be on the watch for new prospective males who may try to take advantage of her. She'll be hard to contain this Spring. We hope that means we'll see more of her on TV and on the big screen!

Source: www.astrology.com

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- According to Jerry, what are the four worst words in the English language?
 - Whose bra is this?
 - We have to talk
 - Master of your domain
 - I forgot your name
- Before they came up with George's fake name of Art Vandelay, which option did Jerry and George not consider?
 - Art Core
 - Burt Harbinson
 - Ivan Testikov
 - Art Coverlay
- Who does George say he looks like in Monk's bathroom mirror?
 - Patrick Stewart
 - Robert Wagner
 - John Ritter
 - Yul Brynner
- Under what circumstances would Jerry have been friends with Stalin?
 - If he was a good joke teller
 - If he had a ping pong table
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 - If he had a geat signing voice
- How much does Elaine offer Jerry to kill a couple of cats?
 - \$28
 - \$55
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 - \$399
- What is George Costanza's middle name?
 - Larry
 - Lenny
 - Loius
 - Lourne
- According to George, what is "The only candy with the cookie crunch"?
 - 100 Grand
 - Twix
 - Three Musketeers
 - Nestle's Crunch
- Who was dubbed as a "regifter" in "The Label Maker" episode?
 - Tim Watley
 - Kenny Banya
 - Jackie Chiles
 - George Costanza
- Kramer once worked for a bagel company, but went on strike for 12 years. What was the name of the company?
 - The Bagel Bum
 - Bagel City
 - H & H Bagels
 - Bagles R'Us
- After Elaine viewed "The English Patient" with her boss and he found out she hated it, the only way she could keep her job would be if she agreed to go to the country of _____.
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Normal Stress and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

By GARY KENYON
Flashlight Writer

Stress is a natural part of life and comes in many forms. For students, there is the stress of academic achievement, managing financial affairs, keeping a job, and for some, being both student and parent. For parents, there is the stress (as well as the joy) of raising children. There are other forms of stress as well, some of which are disturbing for those going through it. Beyond a certain point, stress can produce a range of reactions that have collectively become known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). For people experiencing PTSD, their regular level of stress is at a higher level than for others. In a sense, to speak of the difference between normal stress and PTSD is to compare different levels of "normal."

One form of stress is trauma. Trauma is an unusual, life-threatening event; it could be a violent crime like robbery at gunpoint, rape, a car accident (especially if life is lost), or even a violent storm such as a hurricane or tornado. One can only imagine the trauma experienced as a result of the recent terrible tsunami in South Asia. People who survive such a

trauma may be subject to PTSD.

PTSD represents a set of normal reactions to an abnormal (life-threatening) event. These reactions involve everything about the survivor, and while troubling, are understandable. This includes behavior, emotions, and feelings about oneself and even the way one thinks. This may include sudden, unexpected and seemingly unexplainable rages, withdrawal from others (including loved ones), lack of ability to enjoy things once found enjoyable, sleep difficulties, and recurrent thoughts of the trauma.

Trauma is an event that a person has no control over, and a natural reaction is a feeling of helplessness, which in turn may produce feelings of anger, even rage. Since a person cannot effectively direct that rage at the trauma itself, it may become directed instead at something else in the person's life over which he or she does have some control. This is not necessarily a thought out process, and that explains why the rage is seen as sudden, unexpected and seemingly unexplainable.

A person with PTSD may feel diminished, in some way altered and incomplete. This may cause withdrawal from others, even from

loved ones. There is the sense that only someone who has been through the same experience can understand it. To try to explain how what has happened has affected someone is not only inadequate, it also means that the person has to relive the experience again in the retelling of it. That is the source of the pain and changes in the first place – not a fun place to go.

For all of these reasons, a lack of ability to enjoy things that once were enjoyable may result. Those activities seem to be less fulfilling than they used to be. In some cases they may even be remembered as the prelude to the trauma itself. When that happens the once enjoyed activity is now linked to the trauma, producing all the more reason for avoidance.

Sleep disorders are another aspect of PTSD. Nightmares or night terrors may come in sleep. The person may have difficulty falling asleep because the necessary relaxation is hard to achieve. In my own case, in my unit in Vietnam we never were rocketed except at night or early in the morning. Even now, more than thirty years later, I often find that no matter how tired I feel physically, as the evening wears on I feel more mentally awake. Then, it was

a survival mechanism. Now, it is a hindrance. Some nights I feel as if my mind is racing, thinking of the past day or planning the next, thinking of a paper I have to write or a problem I need to solve.

For many people who live with PTSD, it is difficult to escape recurrent thoughts of their trauma. "If only I had done this, or not done that..." I had a particularly harrowing experience around ten years ago, precipitated by a roommate that nearly resulted in a police assault on my house. Afterward, it rocked me to my knees to realize I was still alive; it literally took my breath away to realize how close to death I had been yet again.

One way to do this is to think of a glass with water in it. The glass represents a person and the water represents stress. Let's say that for a "normal" person who has not been traumatized, the glass is about one-third full, and for a person with PTSD the glass is half full. There is yet another level, and this applies to a person who has suffered a trauma that was long lasting, such as an abusive relationship or being in a war zone for an extended period of time. For such a person the glass is already three-quarters full.

One way to look at it is to realize

that for such a person there simply isn't as much room left in the glass for more water. The stress level is higher because the trauma was a series of events and there was no good way to relieve the pressure. Survival, even sanity, demands that feelings and emotions become internalized, "stuffed away." These people have to be careful about taking on new projects, particularly life-changing ones such as quitting smoking, for example, because their stress level is already closer to capacity.

It's unknown why surviving trauma produces PTSD in select individuals. People are resilient, and just because a person may live with PTSD doesn't mean that they are not capable and vital to others. What it does mean is that, at certain times, they are less able to handle certain stresses. Medications are available, as well as doctors and support groups. It has only been about twenty years since PTSD has been professionally recognized, but it is common today for reports of traumatic incidents to end with the phrase that "trained counselors are available." So treatment of PTSD is present; the story of how that developed would fill another article, if not a book.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Career Development Center

February 22, 2005

Dress to Impress Career Fashion Expo
Co-sponsored by Women's Studies Department
North Manser, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

March 16, 2005

On-campus Interviews with Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Interested students must submit their resume to the Career Development office by March 2.

March 22, 2005

Featured Speaker: Ms. Carol Kishhardt, MU Alumn
(Criminal Justice Department)
Grant Science, room 153 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 30, 2005

Health Services Career Fair
Sayre Campus, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 4, 2005

North Central PA College Consortium Job and internship fair. YMCA Arena, 320 Elmira St., Williamsport, PA
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mu students can pick up entrance tickets from the Career Development Office.

April 7, 2005

PA Civil Service Commission Information Session
Room 301 AHUB, two sessions, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

April 12, 2005

North Central PA Education Consortium
Bloomsburg University 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mu students can pick up entrance tickets from the Career Development Office.

April 13, 2005

MU Education Fair
Multipurpose Room, 317 AHUB, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrities join world wide tsunami relief efforts

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH

Flashlight Writer

The W.H.O. (World Health Organization) estimates that disease and famine caused by the deadly tsunami last December will continue to cause the death toll to rise. The mass amounts of dead bodies could cause typhus, typhoid, cholera, diarrhea, and other disease. The United Nations states that the world needs to do as much as possible to minimize the effects of the tsunami.

Along with the W.H.O and the United Nations, the United States has been working very closely for the tsunami relief effort. In the first week or so, the amount of money donated has reached over two billion, with the United States government pledging \$350 million. In fact, more than just the government is providing assistance. Many Americans are helping by either going overseas or donating money.

In an earlier action of relief aid effort, actress Sandra Bullock donated one million dollars. Hard rock band Linkin Park have set up a concert to raise 100,000. The entire sum will be donated as well.

Not only are stars like

Linkin Park and Sandra Bullock donating money and sponsoring events, others organizations are also coming forward to assist. On Saturday Jan. 15 the American Red Cross and NBC aired on live television a concert to raise

funds. Performers and stars that appeared included: Norah Jones, John Mayer, Brad Pitt, Brian Wilson, Elton John, Clint Eastwood, Madonna, George Clooney, Gloria Estefan, and Johnny Depp.

December's tsunamis occurred when an earthquake in the Indian Ocean, which peaked a 9.0 on the Richter Scale, caused tsunamis to disrupt the Ocean and severely devastate many areas in eleven countries in Southeast Asia and East Africa. The worst of the countries are Indonesia and Sri Lanka. The affected populations span from China to India, and to Tanzania and Somalia in Africa.

In many towns, the devastation has left the landscape completely leveled and uninhabited. The death toll is already at 162,000. Over two million are left homeless and without food or families. There are massive graveyards and burning piles throughout the inflicted areas.

Several countries that do not touch the ocean are affected as well. Such countries are Great Britain and Sweden, where many travel to Thailand and the Maldives for vacations to escape the cold winters of Europe. As for the United States, many vacationers and tourists were unharmed and have made it back safely. Many by this point have reunited with their family members. Few were harmed and less than fifty were claimed dead.



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Marron 5 was among the many artists to perform at the NBC/American Red

Want to contribute to tsunami relief? Here's how you can help:

" Donate money to organizations found at www.usafreedomcorps.gov

" Contact Volunteers for Prosperity at volunteersforprosperity@usa.gov

" Donate goods by contacting www.cidi.org (cash donations are preferred)

" Ask your pastor to take up a tsunami relief offering

" Help survivors and their families by making a monetary donation.

" Donate directly via the iTunes Music Store. 100% of your donation will go to the American Red Cross.

" Conduct a web search to find a relief effort that interests you.

PRSSA to host speaker from American Red Cross

By KATE YENIK

Special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is hosting a speaker from the American Red Cross on Tuesday January 25 at 12:30 pm, in AHUB room 317. The speaker is Joy Hanner, who is the executive Director for the North Central PA chapter of the American Red Cross, which covers Lycoming, Clinton and Tioga Counties. She will be discussing the tsunami disaster and how the Red Cross contributes. Hanner will also be discussing public relations in a non-profit organization. This event is open to all students and PRSSA encourages

everyone to attend.

The American Red Cross is an independent, non-profit organization that depends on volunteers for both their time and money to provide for others in need.

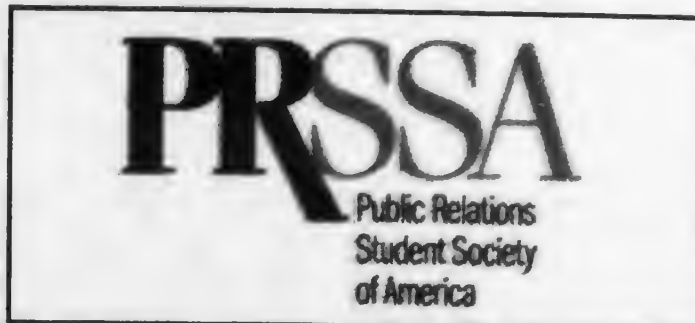
They are prepared to respond to any type of disaster such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, fires, hazardous materials incidents, and others. The Red Cross responds nationally to more than 67,000 disasters every

year. The Red Cross works with the government and other organizations to provide assistance.

An example of what the

American Red Cross does is the International Response Fund which is where your donation goes to the tsunami survivors for food, tents, hygiene items, healthcare

ed on 320 E. Third Street, in Williamsport. They may be reached at 326-9131. For more information on the American Red cross



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and more. One hundred percent of every donation goes straight to the tsunami relief efforts.

The American Red Cross is located

log onto their web-site at www.lycoming-redcross.org.

Mansfield University PRSSA is excited to have Joy Hanner speak on behalf of the Red Cross. The Mansfield University chapter of PRSSA is honored to present the American Red Cross in the first of this semester's invited speaker series. Joseph King, President of PRSSA is excited for the event. "The Red Cross has,

for decades, represented the best of what American generosity and ingenuity can accomplish," King said. "We appreciate Joy Hanner's willingness to share her experiences and expertise with all Mansfield students to enhance our educational experience". Dave Fetzer, a member of PRSSA, says "I think that it's important for the Red Cross to come and speak to the students about the Tsunami Effort because we need to be aware of what's going on and how we can help."

PRSSA will be hosting a number of other speakers this semester. For more information you can contact Kate Yenik, public relations director, at 662-2449 or email her at yenikk@mnsfld.edu.

Winter months making you SAD? You're not alone.

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

Do the winter blues have you feeling down? If you answered yes, don't worry. "You're not alone. According to Dr. Norman Rosenthal, 10-20 percent of the population may feel this way every winter. Of these people, only 4-6 percent are classified with a clinical disorder. Rosenthal calls this Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD.

There are different degrees of the disorder. The Winter Blues, Rosenthal's term, is considered a mild disorder. Symptoms include fatigue, weight gain, heaviness of the arms and legs, and increased social anxiety.

According to PhD Vijai P. Sherman, people often experience SAD during the months of December through February. Doctors say that lack of light is the major factor leading to SAD. The

disorder is prevalent during the winter months because there is less light in a day.

MU counselor Professor William Chabala has been director of the campus Counseling Center since 1986. He believes there are many reasons for seasonal depression over the holidays. "There's evidence of a genetic predisposition to depression," Chabala said.

According to Chabala, there are also extra stressors around the holiday season. "One stressor could be dealing with the loss of a loved one. Another stressor could be a feeling of sadness because one can't provide for their family as well as they'd like during the holidays," Chabala said.

Chabala said he hasn't seen an increase in the number of depression cases on campus since December. "We didn't see an increase between December and January because we had that long break. Students were anxious to get through Finals week and leave," Chabala said.

Chabala said many students are treated for depression at MU each

school year. "Whether or not these cases are tied to the seasons is hard to say," Chabala said.

Chabala said exercise could decrease symptoms of SAD. "Being physically active stimulates the production of neurotransmitters and certain hormones. This can help reduce feelings of sadness," Chabala said.

Kathleen B. Speicher, MD works at Purdue University's Student Health Center. Speicher says the most common forms of therapy for SAD are light therapy, diet, and exercise. Light therapy involves being exposed to more light than usual.

Mr. Chabala said the MU Counseling Center diagnoses students and helps to treat disorders. The counseling is free.

The MU Counseling Center can be contacted by calling 662-4695. The center is at 213 South Hall. Log on to Mansfield University's website to find each counselor's hours. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Mr. Chabala at wchabala@wheat.mnsfld.edu.

Source: WWW.MINDPUB.COM

If you think you have Seasonal Affective Disorder:

" Raise up curtains or blinds to let more sunlight in

" Spend more time daily outdoors

" Go to the mall where there are other people and you can move more freely

" Exercise regularly, especially outdoors

" Don't sleep excessively

" Avoid excessive use of alcohol, caffeine, and nicotine



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People suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder should spend more time in public and less time alone.

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Movie Review: Elektra

By JOSEPH KING

Flashlight Writer

Comic book movies have evolved in recent years. The new quality of production has allowed the creative process to go to places only dreamed of before. Now, the possibilities of more and more fantastic adventures are greater than ever.

Another movement that appears to be occurring within the genre of the comic book movie is the introduction of sub-genres. From the pseudo-reality of Spiderman, to the over-the-top clownish feel that was the Incredible Hulk, to the many incarnations of Batman. Now, the new film *Elektra* introduces a new sub-category: the comic-noir.

Instead of the dark, heavy feel of traditional black-and-white film noir, *Elektra* introduces a heavily saturated tone to darken both the screen as well as the tone of the story. Parts of the film look like hand-tinted still shots from the early days of color movies, with a special attention to deep greens and dark reds. The film itself is a tribute to the beautiful dark age of Noir.

In a violent opening sequence, the movie propels itself into a frenzy of death that is less graphic than most comic book films of today. From the opening scene as a cold-blooded hit-woman in action, Jennifer Garner's performance is coolly detached from humanity, yet shockingly connected to the violence as it transpires.

Moving past her resurrection, Elektra has taken to the murder-for-hire lifestyle with seemingly no regrets, until hired to make a hit on a rural coastland. There, Elektra meets a teen-age girl as she breaks into the house she rented for the hit. Invited to Christmas dinner, Elektra meets the attractive father of the girl, only to discover that these two are the target of her assignment.

Convolute the plot with a predetermined attraction, an Evil Empire known as the Hand, Elektra discovering maternal feelings she never knew she had, and one of the father-daughter duo are revealed as "the Gift," and you can formulate the plot for yourself.



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The movie is oddly compelling, if only for the beauty of the pictures that flash on the screen as you are transfixed on every single image. Director Rob Bowman is careful to reign in the performances so that none are too over-the-top, realizing that the image is what will remain in the viewers mind long after the plot has left them.

An overall fun movie, *Elektra* incorporates bits of breathtaking action mixed with stunning beauty. This movie is truly engineered to help one escape the mundane aspects of every-day life. Long last the resurrection of Elektra!

Source:

www.comicscontinuum.com

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"

"From the editors desk"



Get off your seat, out of your room, and get involved outside of the classroom

Learning does not stop outside of the classroom, why should participation?

On behalf of *The Flashlight* staff, I would like to welcome the masses back to Mansfield. I hope that everyone took advantage of their time off, is well-rested, and ready to begin another semester of hard work at Mansfield University. This University is the place "Where magic comes to you." On second thought, that might be Disney World. Regardless, every person's goal should be to make this semester better than the previous one not only for individual progress, but for the overall betterment of the University.

As I approach graduation in May, I often catch myself reminiscing about my freshman year and the aftermath of doing nothing outside of my Cedarcrest dorm room. I will be the first to admit that Cedarcrest is a lovely building, but there is much more to do on campus other than play hour after hour of *Tetris*, or *Grand Theft Auto 3* no matter how much fun one can have while playing each for hours on end.

During my first year at this University, Dictionary.com would have classified me as "A person who has withdrawn from society and lives in a solitary existence," or in other words, a Hermit. The only time I would leave my room for an extended period of time was when I would go home for the weekend.

In my young, naive mind, I had everything an 18-year old guy would want at home; a job where I was respected for the hard work I in which I was known, an abundance of friends who were, as close to me as most people's families are to them and a girlfriend who I was sure I would spend the rest of my days with. I could not have cared less about my future at that point, as long as I maintained my then current disposition in life.

The only thing I achieved in that first semester was a roster spot on the Academic Probation team. Albeit I was there by a

small margin of points, I was there.

My second semester was more of the same. Thankfully I earned slightly better grades, thus removing me from the aforementioned team. However, during the 70-minute drive home to Endicott N.Y., the only accomplishment I could think to render to my parents over my first full year at Mansfield University was that "I rescued Liberty City from certain doom in *Grand Theft Auto 3*."

Over the preceding summer, I began to think heavily about my future. All of the following were a mystery to me, where I wanted to work, what I wanted to do and in which industry I wanted to dedicate my time towards. I desperately needed to get my priorities straight. And believe it or not, wasting my life in front of a television blasting away fictitious members of the mafia and assembling various shaped blocks to form a unified structure is not a skill most media corporations are looking for in a future employee.

During the first week of my sophomore year, with the aide of my own volition, a friend of mine dragged me to two different organizations meetings; WNTF-FM, the University radio station and the Mansfield University Television Club (MUTV). I later began writing for the Sports section of *The Flashlight*. I am now fortunate enough to be the head of each respective organization.

Getting more involved around campus is one of the best decisions a student can make in their education career, especially at a small institution like Mansfield University. Leadership roles are much easier to obtain and are often seen as a much more pivotal positions on a small campus like this.

I cannot speak for every student active in the campus community, but I cannot think of a more valuable decision than the one I made five semesters ago. Not

only did my grades improve as a result of campus involvement. I have also developed many personal and professional relationships I would not trade for anything. I feel I have also put together a strong resumé directly attributed to the many student organizations geared toward both personal and professional advancement offered at Mansfield University.

I urge every student who is not involved to think about changing their position in life at the University. If you are one of the many who fall victim to the belief that education stops as you walk out of the classroom, I am afraid you are sadly mistaken. I have learned a great deal of information about the media industry and myself from working with *The Flashlight*, WNTF-FM and MUTV.

Things change over the years. I am far removed from my freshman year. The job in which I was well-respected does not return my phone calls; although I still maintained a few great friends, many have come and gone in the past three years, and I am now working on planning a life for one.

One can lose a job, a friend or a significant other, but experience gained is something that cannot be taken away or lost. The only time one can be robbed of his or her experience, is when they do not take advantage of opportunities.

College is not supposed to be a multi-year vacation place. It is a spring-board into a successful life. Take every advantage possible at Mansfield University. When it comes to being involved or active in the community, every voice really can and should be heard. Never be apprehensive about what you feel, want to say, or taking the steps needed to be successful. As the great philosopher, and bassist for Green Day, Mike Dirnt once said, "The biggest impedance of success is fear of failure."

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Commentary: Easy, sexy classes likely lead to higher absenteeism

By ZACH DuBORD
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At the very end of last semester, I was told that absenteeism at Mansfield is at an all-time high and I began to think about what the cause of that might be. It seems doubtful to me that the students of today are any lazier than those of previous decades, and taking into consideration the ever advancing medical field, I am not inclined to believe that Mansfield students are more prone to illness than before. Having considered this for a while, I managed to settle on a few ideas.

I think that for many students, the expectations that are set for them at Mansfield are absurdly low. This occurs, I think, from the very beginning of the application process, considering that one of the main selling points for a number of students is the lack of a supplementary essay required with the application. While this may not necessarily discourage those who are likely to be good students from applying, it certainly is quite the motivator for prospective students who prefer to exert minimal effort.

After being accepted to Mansfield, these students are now sitting in classes where the only motivation to attend class is observation of the attendance policy. It seems to me that some of the professors with the strictest of attendance policies, or strictest enforcement of attendance policies, require the least amount of academic effort in the taking of the class. If a student can never attend class, but instead, use the notes posted online and his textbook to attend only the tests and receive a passing or better grade for simply studying on his own, why would anyone actually expect him to attend classes?

If it's the case that a student can teach himself the material with a passable degree of understanding, it seems to me that he should not be penalized for his absence from class in respect of the fact that he would gain absolutely nothing by being there. This line of thinking, while I tend to agree that it is true, is also a valuable tool when it comes to the rationalization of missing class.

Yet, even in recognition of this fact, many professors use the

implementation of a "tough" attendance policy to encourage students to attend their classes, instead of taking the more pro-active approach of reflecting on what they can do to alter their teaching style such that students will either desire to or need to come to class in order to survive.

While I'm not suggesting that professors threaten their students with machetes, I am not suggesting that professors attempt to make their topics sexier simply to hold the attention either. The sexification of academic topics is bad in that it makes professors turn from having a position commanding respect and attention in the classroom, to instead, having a position where the power now lies in the hands of the students that the professors must pander to. You cannot allow students to determine what they should study and learn, because students largely don't know anything about what they really ought to know. To reference the ever poignant film, PCU, students would choose to major in

Gameboy if they could.

The simple unfortunate truth is that if a student can teach himself the material with a passable degree of understanding, the professor is simply not doing his or her job, for the student can get the same benefit from simply going to a library and educating himself there at considerably less cost. It is important to note that I do not believe that the professors at Mansfield are slacking off on the job, but rather I believe they have been conditioned to dumb down or sex up their classes after decades of being worn down by sub-par students.

What I believe to be the solution to absenteeism is twofold and comes down to simply one word: rigor. First and foremost, if attendance and retention are to ever stand a reasonable chance, it is imperative that the administration takes a reflective look at the standards and procedures of admissions at Mansfield University. If students are admitted that have a higher tolerance for academic rigor, then they will be more readily able to meet higher expectations set for

them in the classroom. The professors then, having access to greater potential in students in the classroom, will be able to examine their topics more deeply and rigorously than ever before, and be able to actually challenge the students such that in order to do well, they must attend classes.

However, a higher degree of rigor is important on the part of both admissions and professors or the system will break down and absenteeism will return. For if admissions admits better students to the same mediocre classes, it seems reasonable to predict that absenteeism would increase. Similarly, if admissions were to admit the same level students to considerably more difficult classes, absenteeism would also increase. Thus, the problem of absenteeism can be solved only by more rigorous standards universally. This, I believe, would reflect positively on this university when more capable students are graduated into professional life where they could garner a better reputation for Mansfield in the future.

Lewis and Clark:

Voyage of Discovery Bicentennial

An exhibit of artifacts illustrating the Voyage of Discovery is on display in the lobby of the Warren L. Miller Elementary School, Smythe Park, in Mansfield Pa. Items such as: snow shoes, cooking pots, a tomahawk, skinning knives, boxed compos, navigation instruments, power horns, possible bag, bullet molds, Pennsylvania rifle and the Jefferson Peace Medal are on exhibit. This display is part of the Grand Teton Council No. 107 Idaho Falls, Id., Boy Scouts of America, Louis and Clark Bicentennial.

The public may view the exhibit at the Warren L. Miller Elementary School Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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This Week in Mountie Sports

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Men's Basketball			West Chester University 3 p.m.				Bloomsburg University 7:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball			West Chester University 1 p.m.				Bloomsburg University 5:30 p.m.
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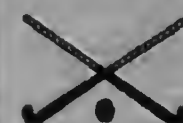


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HOT TOPIC: Is poker a sport?

Poker: The Newest Sports Sensation

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

Chris Moneymaker, Doyle Brunson, and Phil Ivey. If you don't know who these people are, you are behind the eight ball, or in this case, behind in the chip count. These people, along with many other players, are the newest breed of athletes: poker players. I know what everyone is thinking while reading this, how is poker a sport? All you do is sit there, drink, and play cards. How can anyone come out and say that this is a sport? All I have to say is: very easily.

Although there are many definitions for the word sport, the one I will be using is: an activity involving physical exertion and skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively. With poker, everyone would agree with this except for the first part, an activity involving physical exertion. It is true that they don't play a hand, then do fifty sit ups, or run a mile, but there is physical exertion, just not as bunt as we see it in football or basketball. The physical exertion that is involved is stamina. As we watch poker on ESPN or anywhere on television we see about one to two hours of poker action, and people may think that is all the action that is being televised. This is not true. What we see on television are the highlights and some of the plays that are more dramatic for television. A true final table, which is the last table with the final players in that tournament playing for the championship, can last for a long period of time. If one final table starts at about 6pm, it can go straight until 1:30am, even 2am in the morning.

That is straight also, with no breaks at all. Any college student knows when they stay up late, focusing on one thing for hours and hours upon a time without any breaks, you eventually feel drained. Sometimes you might also just give up and stop for the night, thinking you can just finish it for tomorrow. Poker players do not have that luxury. They must play the whole time straight until one person is crowned the champion. As not just a poker player, but as an athlete, you must trained and have the endurance and stamina to last that long and to be at the top of your game, just like a football player must be 100% healthy.

With that being said, let us look at the rest of the definition. Another part of the definition is skills within a governing boundary of rules for competition. There are many rules within poker, so many that they cannot be explained here. With these rules, they compete in a tournament to win not just a trophy, but money. How much you ask? It can vary from five hundred thousand dollars, to five million dollars, which was won by Greg Raymer in the 2005 World Series of Poker. With the breakdown of the definition of the word sport, and how it can apply to poker, there is no question that poker is a sport.

Not only that, it something that anyone can do. Your age, gender, or anything else does not matter. If you have the ability to sit through long tournaments, read people and attempt to figure out what they have, then you have a chance of being not only a great poker player, but also being a great athlete.



Poker: A hobby yes, a sport never!

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Writer

Over the last couple years or so poker has been one of the most watched broadcasts on television. The World Series of Poker in Las Vegas is quite a thrill to watch on television and I will admit, even I have turned it on to catch a glimpse. However, to say that this activity is a sport is crazy. Call me a traditionalist of some sort, but my definition of a sport has to include some physical contact such as tackles, or boxing out for rebounds, or even a good check into the boards in a hockey game. I see none of that in

poker. Also a sport has to have some good action and excitement, like when a game is on the line with little time left on the clock and strategy comes in to play. Players in professional sports get one shot at a championship, it is win or go home status. The opportunity to play 30 hands of poker before the chance of a championship is gone, is all but nonexistent. Poker gets categorized with games such as checkers, or even video games; just an activity that you can just sit around and have fun playing with your friends. Plain and simple, no physical activity required; not to be considered a sport.

NFL Playoffs:

Eagles, Falcons, Patriots and Steelers survive

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Sports Writer

After a long and grueling weekend, the field of eight teams in the National Football League playoffs has been reduced to four. Starting off the weekend the Pittsburgh Steelers used their "Blitzburg" defense and the power running game to steal a win over the New York Jets in overtime. This game could have gone either way, but thanks to Jets special teams miscues the Steelers pulled out a 20-17, overtime victory.



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had to. Daunte Culpepper and the Vikings put on a good show but could not avoid their own mistakes or capitalize on the mistakes of the Eagles.

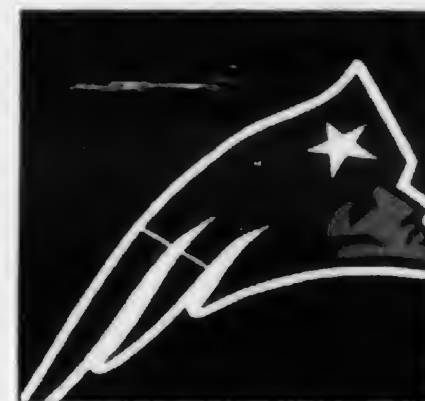
Philadelphia won again and heading to their fourth straight NFC championship beating the Vikings 27-14.

The finale of the weekend was where the much anticipated rematch of last year's AFC championship would take place on the same stage as last year. Gillette Stadium, home to the New England Patriots, was the battlefield, the Indianapolis Colts were the team that was trying to hand Tom Brady his first playoff loss and continue their season. New England took a 6-3 half-time lead, but came out strong in the second half using the running game powered by the offensive line and the legs of running back Corey Dillon.



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Saturday night brought about the "Greatest Show on Turf" the St. Louis Rams against the "Most Electrifying Player in NFL History" Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons. The Falcons scored early and often setting playoff records at will. Stellar defense shut down the Rams offense time and time again confusing Marc Bulger with coverage schemes or else just overpowering the offensive line and sacking him to the turf. The Falcons cruised to an easy 47-17 victory. Heading into Sunday, the Minnesota Vikings were looking for their second straight outdoor playoff victory as well as avenging a Week 2 regular season loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles scored the first 14 points of the game and then stalled for a while offensively. However, Donovan McNabb and the Eagles came up big when they



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Matt Leinart: One decision, many effected

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

In this day and age of professional sports, we see high school athletes make the jump straight to the professional stage. We even see freshmen basketball players skip the rest of college to make millions of dollars and to live the life, which they have always dreamt. It is rare when athletes pass that up because he or she will miss the college life, friends and teammates of the University of South Carolina too much, but it does happen. The most recent case: Matt Leinart.

Matt Leinart had the chance to be the first pick in the upcoming National Football League draft and make millions of dollars like his predecessor, Carson Palmer, who made the jump to the NFL, becoming the first pick for the Cincinnati Bengals in 2003. When Palmer left, Leinart took over, and all he did was win back-to-back National Championships, win the Heisman Trophy, and compile a 25-1 record as the starting quarterback for the Trojans. There was seemingly nothing left for him to do in college. He had his college degree completed and did not need to remain in college. Many felt that the jump was inevitable after USC crushed Oklahoma 55-19 in the Orange Bowl. Yet, this choice was not as easy for him as many thought it should have been.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, he was scheduled for a press conference to make his decision, but he postponed the conference until Friday to have one more day to make the decision. Then, on Friday, Leinart announced he would return to USC for his senior season. With that simple announcement, so many people were affected, including Leinart. But would it be for the better or the worse?

Leinart had done it all, but could not leave the USC Trojans. But why? Was history tempting him to return to become the first player to win the three-peat in college football? Or was it the chance to become the first two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy? Or maybe he did not want to be a San Francisco 49er. Can we really blame him for that? The main reason for him coming back was his happiness. He was not ready to leave all of his friends and college teammates yet, and that was the main reason for his return to USC as he stated in his news conference when he made his announcement.

With that said, was this the right move for Leinart? He turned down millions of dollars for one more season in college football, but there is the chance that is might be giving more up than just that. He now leaves himself open for injury, which might hurt his potential in the draft, or even worse, become a career ending injury. He does, however, have insurance just in case something comes to that, but it will only take effect if he has an injury that is career ending. He also leaves himself with the chance of having a down year, which would affect his draft position for the 2006 NFL Draft. Some might think if he does drop to the lower first round, "What's wrong with that?" He still gets an exceptional good contract from a very good team

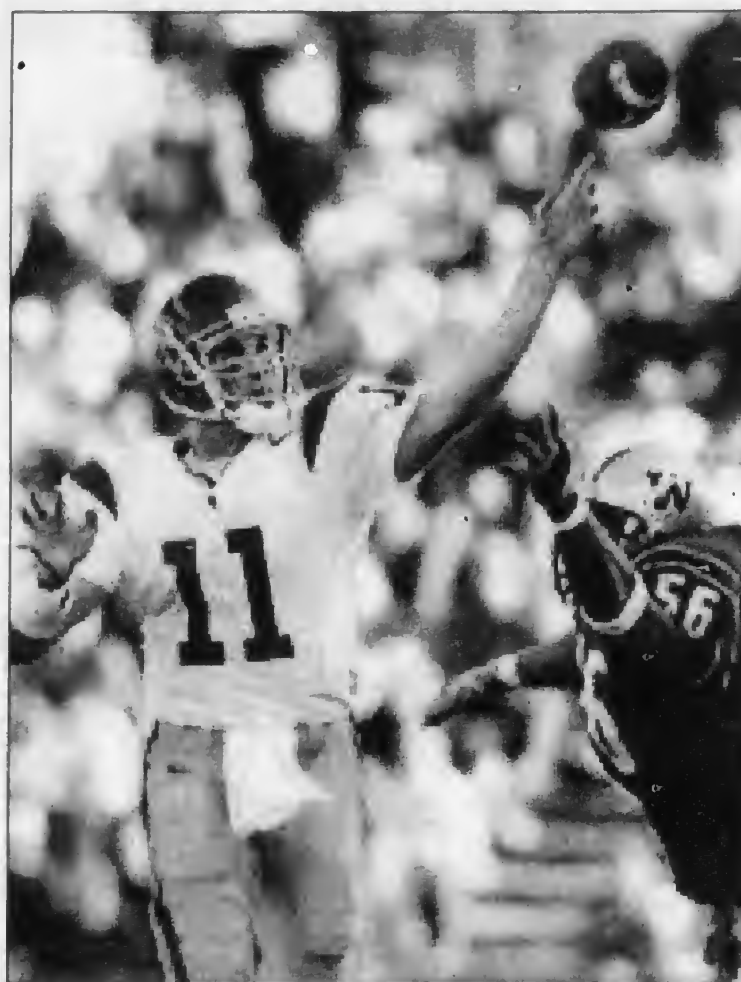


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Matt Leinart risks losing a chance to play in the NFL, to play another season at University of South Carolina.

who can contend for a title. However, it would not be "number one pick in the NFL Draft" money. The millions of dollars that he would be hoping to get will not be there. So much is riding on one more chance to "have fun" with his college teammates.

Yet, Leinart's decision to stay with USC, affected many other people, mainly in the NFL. With Leinart remaining in college for his last season of eligibility, now the San Francisco 49ers have a lot to think about. More than likely, the 49ers were going to pick Leinart with the number one pick. Now, who will they pick? They can keep the number one pick and draft Alex Smith from the University of Utah if they still want to go for a quarterback. They could also go for a running back like Cedric Benson or Cadillac Williams. There is now the good chance they can take that pick and dangle it out to the rest of the NFL to see which teams would want to give up to improve their pick. San Diego may be willing to deal a quarterback for a number one pick to join their other two first round picks, and pray that the player they draft will want to stay with the team. If something like this happens, it can open the door for Mike Williams, the former USC standout wide receiver to slip into that number one pick.

However, we look at it; USC will remain a powerhouse next season. They will be returning a majority of their team next season, including Heisman finalist Reggie Bush. In addition, teams like Virginia Tech, Michigan, or that sleeper team in the Mountain Athletic Conference that had aspirations of capturing the National Championship next season can wait one more season. With a team like USC returning the heart of their team in Leinart, the head of their team, head coach Pete Carroll, and the majority of their body, how

can any team in college football stop a beast like USC?

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Question of the week:
Who is going to be the number one pick now that Leinart is out of the draft?

McElwee and Popovic give a strong performance at Millersville

MANSFIELD - Vanessa McElwee and Andrea Popovic both had first place finishes, but that would not be enough as the Mansfield University swim team was defeated 172-80 at Millersville University Saturday afternoon.

McElwee's first place finish came in the 100 yard freestyle (:59.15) while Popovic finished first in the 500 yard freestyle (5:46.14) and second in the 200 yard freestyle (2:08.73).

Other top finishers for the

Mountaineers were: Kristine Van Duzer with a second place finish in the 1,000 yard freestyle (12:19.54), Abbe Tipton with a second place finish in the 100 yard backstroke (1:04.61), Stephanie Klegarth with a second place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:13.27), and Maureen Maikner with a second place finish in the 200 yard breaststroke (2:46.62).

Mansfield's final home meet of the 2004-2005 season will be against Wells College January 24th at 6:00 p.m.



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Despite strong performances, Mansfield's swim team was unable to pull out a win against Millersville.

Mansfield's Indoor Track team gets off to a running start at Cornell opener

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The 2004-2005 Mansfield University Indoor Track season is in full swing, as the Mounties have already participated in four weekends of competition. Mansfield opened the winter campaign hoping to continue to build on the momentum created during an historic Cross Country season.



PHOTO FROM MU SPORTS INFORMATION
Josh Wooten helped lead the Mountaineers with first place finishes.

Mansfield started off on Dec. 5 at the Cornell Opener. The Mountaineers had four athletes

qualify for the PSAC Indoor Championships. Josh Wooten's time of eight minutes and 59 seconds in the 3,000 meters was good enough for qualification. Senior Stephanie Cadwell set her seventh school record with a time of 43.66 seconds in the 300 meters to qualify. Freshmen Amanda Fedish and Katrina Brumfield also qualified, in the 60 meter dash and the high jump respectively. Brumfield's jump of 5-3 was a school record.

Next up for Mansfield was the Ursinus Winter Invitational on Dec. 11. Chris Cummings and Wooten led the Mounties with their first place finishes. Cummings won the 1,500 meters and his time of 4:11.86 was good enough to qualify for the PSAC Championships. Wooten qualified with his time of 15:57.41 in the 5,000 meters and was followed by Richard Correll who qualified with a personal best 16:02.08. Keith Drummond also qualified for Mansfield with his time of 6.80 in the 55-meter dash.

Meghan Kerr, Marisa Lucero, the women's 4 x 200 and men's 4 x 200 teams all broke school records for Mansfield at Ursinus. Head Coach Michael Rohl has been particularly impressed early on with his sprint teams. "The sprint teams have been outstanding," Rohl said, "and they will continue to move forward and get better."

Three of the four individuals on the women's 4 x 200-relay team are freshmen.

The progression of those sprint teams continued at the Bucknell Gulden Relays on Jan. 8. Both relay teams destroyed the previous school records. The men's team did so by 16 seconds, while the women did it by 28 seconds. Charity Learn also posted a second place finish in the mile run for the Mounties.

The team split for their Jan. 15 competition. The women's distance medley relay team qualified for the NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships at the Penn State Relays. The Mounties ran faster than Division I schools Syracuse and St. Joseph's among others. Mansfield also competed at the Rochester Invitational. Chad Woodruff was victorious in the high jump and Joe Trapani outpaced the field in the 3,000 race walk. Fedish placed second in two events. Brumfield and Robyn Ireland put forth second place results of their own for Mansfield.

Despite injuries, Rohl is still excited with the results so far this season.

"We have managed to do what we have done with Josh Wooten still suffering from tendonitis," Rohl said, "and Rachel Hall is still out with an injury." Mansfield gets back to the track on Jan. 22 at the RIT Invite.

'PLAYOFFS' continued

Peyton Manning tried his hardest the entire game to get the Colts offense in rhythm, but the master of defense, New England Coach Bill Belichick, once again had a defensive scheme meant to confuse Manning and throw off the timing of the Colts offense. New England won 20-3. New England hopes to appear in their third Super Bowl in four years, when they travel to Pittsburgh to avenge one of their two losses on the season next week in the AFC championship game. The loss marked the third straight defeat for the Colts at the hands of New England dating back to Week 17 of last year's regular season.

To recap next weekend's playoff

schedule, the Atlanta Falcons will travel to Philadelphia to take on the Eagles. The game is set for 2 p.m. on Fox. In the AFC the New England Patriots travel to Pittsburgh to take on the Steelers. That match-up is slated for a 6 p.m. on CBS!



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Lady Mountaineers drop sixth loss in a row against Clarion's Golden Eagles

By CARL FREDRICK
Flashlight Writer

After a long and winless road trip returning home for the Lady Mountaineers proved to be not much better as they drop their sixth consecutive decision to the Clarion Golden Eagles, 90 - 63.



PHOTO FROM MU SPORT INFORMATION
Alison Tagliaferri has 1,135 points for her career, ranking fifth on the all time scoring list.

Mounties 54-36 in the second half.

Despite the loss Mansfield received another productive outing from leading scorer Alison Tagliaferri. Tagliaferri scored a game high 22 points, while pulling down 8 rebounds and going 8 for 10 from the free throw line. Tagliaferri's 22 points moved her into fifth place on the all time scoring list, passing Glenda Oswald (1989-1992) with 1,135 points for her career.

The ladies also received a stellar performance from starting freshman Alicia Espigh, who put in a season high 18 points while grabbing 5 rebounds.

"I felt that it was probably freshman Alicia Espigh's best overall performance this season," Head Coach Ruth Hermansen said. "She shot 50 percent from the field, was 8/9 from the [free throw] line, had 5 rebounds as a guard, had 3 steals, and only 1 turnover in 33 minutes of play."

Clarion had contributions from several members of the team in particular the tandem of Heather Cigich (19) and Shay Godwin (15) combined for 34 points. Godwin also pulled down 11 rebounds, giving her a double double. The Golden Eagles will return home from their 3 game road trip this Wednesday, Jan. 19, to face Lock Haven.

The Lady Mountaineers who fell to 5 and 8 overall, will be back in action as they travel to Pucillo Gymnasium to face the Millersville Marauders Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Mansfield Lady Mountaineers could not keep up with the high-flying Golden Eagles who went on to win their third game in a row, putting them at 12 and 3 overall. Trailing 36-27 at the half, the Golden Eagles outscored the Lady

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

Benson and Collazo prove to be not enough, Mountaineers fall to the Golden Eagles 79-69

BY JONATHAN SCHWAB
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The Mansfield University Men's Basketball team hit the road for the semester break, playing seven consecutive games away from Decker Gym.

They entered the break with a record of 4-3. The Mounties emerged from their current stretch of games sitting at 7-8. Mansfield began their break with a Dec. 21 trip to face the California Vulcans.

The road team stayed with the Vulcans in the first half, using Jason Benson's late lay-up to sneak into halftime with a 38-37 advantage. Mansfield led 61-58 on a three by Dave Hoopes with 10:24 left, but that was where the roof fell in on the Mounties. Thanks in large part to seven points from West Virginia transfer Drew Schifino, the Vulcans ripped off 16 straight points. Mansfield never got closer than seven after that and California won 89-79.

Benson paced the Mountaineers with 28 points and nine rebounds.

The Mounties also got a strong effort from Hoopes, who poured in 23 on 8 of 18 shooting from the floor, including 7 of 16 on three pointers. Schifino starred for the Vulcans with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Boris Mesnager and Travis Eisentrout added 22 and 20 respectively.

Mansfield next traveled to Shippensburg to rumble with the Red Raiders on Dec. 22. The Mountaineers jumped out early to a 27-18 on a Carlos Collazo jumper with 5:28 left in the first half. However, it was all Shippensburg for the next nine minutes.

The Red Raiders went on a 33-8 run spanning the end of the first half and the opening of the second half. Mansfield was unable to get

closer than seven once again and lost 79-68.

Benson was Mansfield's high marker with 22 on 9 of 14 shooting. Hoopes added 12 while Terrance Williams was the only other Mountaineer to reach double figures with 11. Ryan Kraft had the big night for Shippensburg, as he worked for 27 points, five rebounds and four assists. Chuck Davis posted 21 for the Red Raiders.

Mansfield moved on to play in the Bowie State Holiday Tournament. Their first game was on Dec. 28 versus West Virginia State. Benson's 19 first half points kept Mansfield within 55-53 at the half but offered no hint of the history that was about to be made. Benson exploded for 34 second half points to break the single game school record for points in a single game.

Unfortunately for Mansfield, Benson's 53 was not enough, as West Virginia State rallied from eleven down with seven minutes left for a 103-97 victory.

points broke the previous record of 47 points scored by Al Sander in 1989. The only other double digit scorer for Mansfield was Hoopes with 14.

Veselin Veselinov led five Yellow Jackets in double figures with 32 points and seven rebounds. Tony Cornett chipped in with 16 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists.

Mansfield ended their three game losing streak the next day against Wilmington.

The Mounties raced out to 69 first half points and never looked back in winning 116-78. Benson scored 31 and had nine rebounds while Collazo had his first double double as a Mountaineer, scoring 28 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Greg Brown put up big numbers in defeat, posting 26 points for Wilmington.

The Mounties played their first game of 2005 on Jan. 8 at Indiana against the Indians. After the Mountaineers scored the first basket, it was all IUP. The Indians led by 26 at halftime and cruised to the 104-70 victory.

ranked Indians, scoring 23 points and chipping in seven assists.

Mansfield wasted no time getting back into the win column when they traveled to Lock Haven on Jan. 9 to face the Bald Eagles.

The Mounties took their first double digit lead late in the first half on a Collazo lay-up and kept that 34-24 advantage at halftime. The Mountaineers never allowed Lock Haven to get within single digits in the second half and rolled to an 82-61 win.

Hoopes scored 20 points to pace Mansfield. Collazo added 19 points and eight rebounds.

James Chappell and Joe Walker scored 14 points each to lead the Bald Eagles in defeat.

The Mounties were able to make it back to back dominant road victories when they played the final game of their road trip on Jan. 13 at Ithaca. Mansfield led from the opening tip and raced out to a 16 point spread at halftime. The 88-69 triumph pushed the mountaineers back to the .500 mark at 7-7.

Hoopes was the high scorer in the game with 24 points and Justin Kress contributed with a double double night of 11 points and ten rebounds. Jim Bellis had 21 points and 10 rebounds to keep Ithaca competitive.

The Mountaineers finally returned home on Jan. 15 to meet



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Mansfield's star Jason Benson was currently featured in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Elmira Star Gazette.

up with Clarion. The Golden Eagles moved ahead early and extended their lead to 38-25 late in the first half. Mansfield responded with a 10-0 run to end the half down 38-35. In the second half, despite numerous opportunities, the Mounties could not get over the hump and catch Clarion. Ryan Wells, with a three, in the final minute put the game out of reach and Mansfield fell 79-69.

Benson put down 21 points to lead Mansfield in scoring. Brian Bryant made his impact felt with 10 assists in the loss. Wells was the man for the Golden Eagles and of the game, scoring 35 points on 14 of 20 shooting.

Mansfield will take their 7-8 record on the road for their PSAC East opener on Jan. 19 when they face Millersville.



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Carlos Collazo had his first double double as a Mountaineer, scoring 28 points and pulling down 15 rebounds, against Wilmington.

Benson finished 19 of 26 from the floor, 6 of 8 from three and 9 of 12 from the free throw line. The 53

Hoopes was the high scorer for Mansfield with 17. Ed Peterson led a balanced effort by the nationally

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Hemlock and South Hall next targets for renovations

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

Greg Black, the Building Maintenance and Construction Manager, represents the university in meetings with architects and engineers, and is the man in charge of recent renovations on the Mansfield University campus. Renovations began with Laurel Manor, then Pinecrest Manor, and now Hemlock Manor and South Hall.

Black said that he felt the renovations in Laurel and Pinecrest went fairly well. Crews installed sprinklers, fire alarms, new windows, new heating systems, made all the bathrooms handicapped accessible, and all the common rooms received new furnishings. Steph White, a Resident Assistant in Pinecrest who moved from Cedarcrest, said that renovations turned out rather well and looks forward to the building becoming an entirely Greek building.

"As an RA, having an all Greek dorm makes my job easier because you already know everyone, but it does make floor programs harder because everyone is going through the new member process," White said.

Students have already moved out of Hemlock and been disbursed throughout the campus so renovations can begin. Black said that they were ready to start renovations in Hemlock at the end of last semester, but had to wait until now because they could not ask students to move during finals.



PHOTO BY HILLARY GRUMBINE
Hemlock Manor is no longer a dormitory building, but will be housing academic department offices and classrooms.

"It would have defeated the purpose of being at school," Black said.

After the renovations, Hemlock will no longer be a dorm. Instead, it will house academic department offices and classrooms. The reason being that by August of this year, there must be sprinklers in every room in order for a dorm to safely house students. Black said that because the building is so old, this is just not feasible. Ground crews are already clearing out the building and preparing to do minor work such as painting and essentially making each room into an

office. The recreation room will be made into a large classroom and there will also be computer labs downstairs. Black hopes to establish as many classrooms as possible in Hemlock.

South Hall will also be undergoing some changes. The entire building will be torn down in Jan. 2006 and the new building is expected to be completed by Feb. 2007.

"South Hall desperately needs renovated and when we got approval to renovate/replace, we chose replace," Black said. "We need to get a new building."

In the meantime, the University is preparing to move the academic departments from South Hall to the north wing of Hemlock. Once all of the departments have been moved, preparation for demolition can begin. Most of the faculty will be moving out of South Hall in May after commencement takes place. The Philosophy department has already contacted Black informing him that they are ready to move.

When all of the faculty members have moved from South Hall to Hemlock, Black and his crew will still need to find a new home for the communication hub and the campus radio station. The communication hub, where all the phone lines come into the campus, will be moved to Alumni Hall. However, the radio station is without a location as of now. When the radio station does find a new home, South Hall will be vacant during the fall semester and ready for demolition in January.

National Writing Project takes on Mansfield

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

The National Writing Project, or NWP, personally invited Mansfield University faculty to join a summer institute on the teaching of writing last Tuesday, January 18.

The Institute, called the Endless Mountains Writing Project (EMWP), is a 5-week writing seminar designed to encourage teachers to examine their writing methods. The teachers involved will also have the chance to look at their own writing. This will help them approach new ways to teach writing to students.

This is a unique honor for MU. It marks the first time MU has been involved with the NWP since the NWP was founded in 1973. MU joins the 185 colleges that already annually participate in the NWP's summer institutes.

Dr. Werner-Burke and Dr. Lynne Hammann, part of the MU Education and Special Education Department, are in charge of the Institute. Athens professor Richard Heyler is also in charge.

Dr. Werner-Burke is excited about the upcoming institute. "I started my career as an English teacher and have always been interested in writing instruction and its connection to learning. It's exciting to be part of a national project dedicated to writing as a learning process," Werner-Burke said.

Dr. Hammann explained why she decided to take part in the EMWP. "As an educational psychologist, I am concerned with writing as a cognitive process which helps students learn," Hammann said.



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See **WRITING** pg. 4 Mansfield recently became a part of the Endless Mountains Writing Project.



Adilah Barnes to perform her one woman show next month
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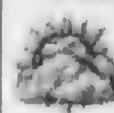


Spring into fashion this coming season
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Cross Country team declares athletes of the year
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Today's Weather



Few snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

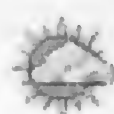
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Weekly Weather



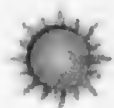
TODAY



Partly cloudy with an 20% chance of precipitation

High: 12° Low: -9°

FRIDAY



Sunny with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 19° Low: 4°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 26° Low: 14°

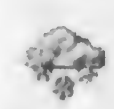
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation

High: 30° Low: 23°

MONDAY



Wintry mix with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 35° Low: 29°

TUESDAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 37° Low: 28°

WEDNESDAY



Cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 35° Low: 25°

Information taken from
www.weather.com

POLICE BEAT

January 14, 2005 - Underage Drinking - Kevin Malo, 18, was cited for purchase, consumption, and possession of alcohol. He was also referred to Residence Life.

January 20, 2005 - Criminal Mischief - Unknown person(s) cut the computer cords in Manser Dining Hall on two separate computers belonging to the Sodexo food service company. Cords were cut on computer in the main management office on the kitchen level floor and in the meal plan office on the lower floor of the Manser dining. Police are asking that anyone with information about this incident to call the campus police at 662-4900.

January 22, 2005 - Underage Consumption - Kyle Heter, 18, was cited after being witnessed as intoxicated in the Laurel A, bathroom on the seventh floor.

January 22, 2005 - Drug Device and Cosmetic act. - Kevin Malo, 18, was cited for smoking a small amount of marijuana in his dorm room. Malo was also referred to Residence Life.

January 22, 2005 - Underage Consumption - Ronald Quinn, 18, was cited when police spotted him leaving Elliot Hall after hours.

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SGA Update

By ELIZABETH O'DELL
President of SGA

On behalf of Senate I would to take this opportunity to thank all of the organizations and individuals who came out to the First Annual Spring Organizational Fair at the Kelchner Fitness Center on Thursday, Jan. 13. It was wonderful to see you all there. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding how we can improve for next years fair please let us know at mansfieldsga@yahoo.com.

During the meeting: SGA will be holding special elections on Jan. 31 at 9:15 p.m. in 317

AHUB for those individuals who are interested in becoming a part of this great organization. To be eligible as a Senator you must have at least a 2.0 GPA, have earned a minimum of 12 credits, and be available on Mondays at 9:15 p.m. For more information please contact Senate Speaker Melinda Bellows at bellowsm@mnsfld.edu.

SGA meetings open to the public and are held in room 317 AHUB at 9:15 p.m. Monday nights. Please feel free to stop by our office in room 321 AHUB.

Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED! For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Alternative Spring Break Experience?** United Campus Ministry will be taking MU students to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this spring break (March 5-13, 2005). To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

★ **President Halstead would like to invite all members of the Mansfield University community to participate in a Town Meeting** entitled "Institutional Enrollment Management Plan Draft Discussion 2005-2009". This event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in 307 AHUB. A light lunch will be provided at noon with the Town Meeting to follow from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

★ **Mansfield University Advocacy Training will be Saturday, Jan. 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Also the Mansfield University Advocacy Association meets Mondays in 100 Pinecrest at 4:30 p.m. You do not have to have advocacy training to be in MUAA. See Elizabeth Shaffer at X4939 for more information.

★ **Thursdays in Black: Demanding a World without violence!** This is a new program being started this semester, people are encouraged to wear black on Thursdays in honor of those who are victims of violence each day. There will be a rally open to all students on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 5:30m p.m. in South Hall Mall.

MU Athletic Director Retires

MANSFIELD, PA (1/24/05) - Hugh Schintzius, Mansfield University recreation director, will retire in February after as 32 ½ years of service.

"Schintz" joined the university in 1972 as a health and physical education instructor. He started the women's volleyball team in 1975 and during the next 13 years five of his teams qualified for national tournaments and were PSAC champions. He finished his coaching career with a 189-89 record.

Schintzius oversaw the planning, design and construction of the Rod C. Kelchner Fitness Center which opened in the fall of 1997. He has been responsible for the operation of the facility since its opening.

The center offers numerous programs including drop-in play periods, intramurals, yoga classes and special events. The center also hosts Red Cross blood drives, new student orientations, summer athletic camps, tai chi classes, student dance teams, track team shoe sales, athletic team practices, music department movement therapy classes, line dances, and girls USVBA volleyball tournaments.

Over the years Schintzius has taught swimming, volleyball and exercise classes. He earned his under-



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Recreation Director, Hugh Schintzius will be retiring this Feb. after nearly 32 years of service.

graduate degree in 1966 at the University of Buffalo and his master's in 1972 at West Chester University. Both degrees were in health, physical education, recreation. He also served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, West Africa from 1966-69.

"Although he's best known as the recreation director, Hugh was also one of the most successful coaches in women's athletic history," Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey said. "As head coach of the volleyball team, Hugh is the only coach of a women's athletic program at Mansfield to ever win a PSAC Championship. He also took the team to the national championship tournament a number of times on his way to winning 189 games."

"For over three decades, Hugh Schintzius has been an institution at Mansfield University," MU President John Halstead said. "Whether serving as a coach, teacher, or fitness center director, the common denominator has taken deep care for serving students and the community. From overseeing the construction to literally feeding the fish at Kelchner Fitness Center, he treats this first-class facility as if it was his home. He takes great pride in his work, enjoys training and supervising dedicated student workers, and even 'crystal-balls' the future, providing insights and a unique vision. My daily workouts at the center and the late night programs for students will not be the same without his presence."

Mike Lemasters, executive director of Student Affairs, added, "Hugh Schintzius has been an important part of the Mansfield University 'family' for over 30 years. From his time as our women's volleyball coach to his current position as recreation director, he has served our students well and encouraged their development. His vision, hard work, and determination were instrumental in the construction of the Kelchner Fitness Center. His efforts to enhance our late night programming have brought a whole new series of activities to our students."

News in a Flash: Regional News

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

TOWANDA, Pa. - Arlan Briggs, 62, of Wells Township, admitted to police that he interfered in the apprehension of his son and son's girlfriend on March 31, 2004. His admittance includes a felony and misdemeanor count of hindering apprehension or prosecution of Dustin Briggs and April Harris. At the scene, Bradford County Sheriff's deputies Christopher Burgert and Michael VanKuren died from gunshot wounds. Dustin Briggs is being charged with the murder of the two officers.

CORNING, N.Y. - Six houses on Southside Corning St. were evacuated on Sunday due to a leak in a major natural gas transmission line that was discovered after residents reported a strong scent of gas within the area. The trunk line where the leak was located transports the gas into Corning from Dominion, a supplier.

HARRISBURG, Pa. - The Board of Game Commissioners held their quarterly meeting Sunday and discussed new changes made to hunting season. More than 70 speakers spoke against the agencies deer

management policies. Final approvals to recommendations will be made in April.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - A Wilson St. home burned down Thursday night leaving one family homeless. Joseph C. Walter was originally trapped by the flames that engulfed his home, but was able to escape through a window. His daughter, son-in-law, and the couple's two children were not home when the fire started. Walter believes this two pit bulls and black Labrador retriever died in the fire. It was the barking of his pets that woke him from a nap.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - National expert on reviving downtown, Norman Mintz, will be visiting downtown Elmira this spring. Ever since the flood of 1972 Elmira has had problems trying to revive the once booming downtown area. Mintz has also helped revive areas like Wellsboro, Pa. and Corning, N.Y. Mintz will be assessing the city's strengths and weaknesses in hopes of molding Elmira into the city that it should be.

Information taken from
www.sungazette.com and
www.star-gazette.com

What in the world

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Asa Hutchinson, a top Homeland Security Department official, handed in his letter of resignation early Monday morning. Hutchinson resigned after he was overlooked twice by the Bush administration for the position of secretary of the agency. This resignation is expected to take effect March 1.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Despite uncertain messages from the President, many senators are seeking a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The amendment states that marriage "shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman" and that no state is required to legally recognize same-sex marriages established in another state.

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles is sponsoring a bill to repeal a state law against slander. This 1909 law makes "slander of a woman" a crime, while slander of a man is not. Kohl-Welles feels that the law is a "relic of time" when women were denied basic social rights. One major reason she is seeking repeal is the fact that the law has not been used since 1914.

HARTFORD, Conn. - The execution of serial killer, Michael Ross, is being postponed while the U.S. District Judge looks closer at evidence relating to the criminal's mental capacity. Ross, 45, has been sentenced to death for the murders of four women in the 1980s. His execution, which was to take place Wednesday, would be the first person put to death in almost 45 years.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - A state lawmaker testified as part of a child support case that he lives in separate homes with two women with whom he fathered children. Sen. John Ford has tried to use a law that he helped write to keep child support lower when the father is already responsible to the financial needs of other children.



U.S.A. - Former host of NBC's "The Tonight Show," Johnny Carson, died Sunday from emphy-

sema. Carson was the host of this popular talk show for close to 30 years until his retirement on May 22, 1992. Carson died at age 79.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Three city firefighters were killed Sunday while responding to two separate apartment fires. The media is calling this incident "the deadliest day for New York firefighters since the 2001 terror attacks." Lt. Curtis Meyran and John Bellew had to jump from a fourth-floor window, while firefighter Richard Selfani suffered serious injuries and later died at the hospital.

LONDON, ENGLAND - The last of four men from Britain who were being held at the United States detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba were

released back to the United Kingdom. The two men, arrested west of London are expected to be questioned under the UK's anti-terrorism laws.

PALERMO, ITALY - 46 suspected mafioso were arrested in the Sicilian capital on Tuesday. Police raided houses and hideouts of ties to the mob boss, Bernardo Provenzano. Provenzano, now in his 70's, has been on the run for four years. Police were close to capturing the elusive "Binu the Tractor," but he escaped once again.

Information was taken from
www.CNN.com,
www.FOXnews.com, and
www.nytimes.com

Adilah Barnes celebrates Black History Month

MANSFIELD, PA (1/25/05) - To begin its celebration of Black History Month, Mansfield University will present Adilah Barnes performing her one-woman show "I am that I am: Woman, Black" Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 307.

Beginning with freed slave Sojourner Truth, Barnes travels the African American female experience with portrayals of abolitionist

Harriet Tubman, writer Zora Neale Hurston, playwright Lorraine Hansberry, radical activist-turned-college professor Angela Davis, and poet Maya Angelou. Barnes also illuminates the lives of lesser-known women like Mary McLeod Bethune, a confidant of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Perhaps best known for her role of "Anne Marie" on the television show Rosanne, Barnes has more than 30 years experience on stage and screen. She currently has a recurring role as "Judge Randall" on Lifetime TV's For The People. Her film credits include Erin Brockovich and Murder by Numbers.

Co-founder of the Los Angeles Women's Film Festival, Barnes serves as the festival's executive producer and president of its Board of Directors.

"I am that I am: Woman, Black" is free and open to the public.

Also while at MU, Barnes will teach master classes in acting and directing and be special guest at a brunch with student leaders.

"I am that I am: Woman, Black" and Barnes' other campus activities are sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Student Activities Office, Mansfield Activities Council, and the MU Theatre Department, and funded by Student Activities Fees.



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Barnes will be performing her one-woman show on campus Feb. 3 as well as teach master classes in acting and directing.

'WRITING'

The EMWP will use teachers to teach each other. Teachers attending the Institute will share their views on how to teach effective writing. They will also learn about the current theories on teaching. Group work will allow them to respond to each other's writing.

One of the goals of the institute is to gain a better understanding of how to teach writing. Another goal is to use this knowledge to better educate students with their writing.

Werner-Burke said she wants the EMWP to bring teachers together to help students. "I hope the EMWP establishes a community of teacher-leaders who use writing in diverse content areas and grades. This would support all student learning," Werner-Burke said.

At the conclusion of the EMWP Summer Institute, the teachers involved will return to their districts and share their learning with other teachers. They will

also host workshops for teachers from nearby schools and districts.

Hammann spoke of the long-term impact the EMWP will have on students and teachers. "This is going to add support to student learning. It will strengthen the relationships between public schools and MU," Hammann said.

Werner-Burke thinks the project will have a large impact on the state educational system. "This will help support PA educational standards," Werner-Burke said.

If Werner-Burke could describe this experience so far with one word, it would be "positive."

The EMWP Summer Institute will take place this summer from June 27-July 28 at MU. Teachers with an interest in learning about different teaching methods about writing can apply to the NWP. Go to edspeed.mnsfld.edu/Web%20Pages/EMWP.htm and click on the link near the bottom of the page to apply.

Mansfield University student attends "capital" internship this semester

HARRISBURG - Noreen Rouse of Dushore, Pa. is working for the House Republican Caucus as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

Rouse, the daughter of Michael and Jacquelyn Rouse, is a senior mass communications and public relations major at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. She is one of 13 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.

The semester-long program invites students from each of the 14 PASSHE universities to participate.

Rouse is a 2001 graduate of Sullivan County High School. She and the other students participating in the program will attend several academic seminars during their spring semester internship. Each of the students also will complete an individualized research project as part of the program's requirements.

Nearly 400 students from PASSHE universities have par-



ticipated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the office of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

PASSHE students interested in participating in THIS in a future semester may obtain information on the program by contacting their individual campus coordinator or their university's cooperative or internship office, or by calling the Dixon University Center at (717) 720-4089.



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Above: Rouse was selected to participate in a 15-week internship with the House Republican Caucus.

Top Left: The House Republican Caucus.

The Greek Letter: Spotlight on Student Affairs

By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

What is Student Affairs? Well, it isn't the answer, but the question that seems to be the problem. Most students at Mansfield University don't know what Student Affairs is, let alone the impact that it has on them. From this question, and the subsequent confusion, comes the purpose for this column!

Student Affairs is important, and it affects you. Student Affairs is part of the broad expanse of learning that takes place outside of the university classroom. It is found in many forms.

The knowledge that is gained from interacting with student affairs professionals serves many purposes. Some of the learning is

practical, some builds character and offers life experience, and some of it is just for fun. Regardless of what purpose the learning experience served, the difference is noticeable and it seems at times that some of this knowledge will stay with students even longer than some of the knowledge gained inside a classroom.

Student Affairs at Mansfield University is headed up by the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Shari Clarke. Dr. Clarke came to Mansfield in the summer of 2003 from Nebraska and was a welcome addition to the MU community. Her fresh perspective on MU has led to many improvements and plans for changes.

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However, Dr. Clarke cannot do all of the work alone. She relies on several people to complete the Student Affairs division of university management. Across campus, numerous employees fill director positions. In addition to completing many tasks, they report directly to Dr. Clarke to insure the positive communication that will lead to positive change.

In the coming weeks you will be introduced to each member of the Student Affairs family so that you will be able to see who they are, how they serve MU, and how the work they do affects you.

Uncommon cures for the common cold

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

Everyone is doing it.. Coughing...sneezing...blowing their noses. The classrooms seem full of it lately.

Doctors say most people catch colds during the fall and winter months. This is because there is less humidity during these months. Germs survive better in places with low humidity. Cold weather can also dry out sinuses.

Evidence reports that the most common causes of catching a cold are psychological stress and allergies that affect the throat and/or nose.

The common cold lasts from one to two weeks. Symptoms typically begin two or three days after infection. If symptoms persist for longer than two weeks, see a doctor. You could have an allergy or bacterial infection.

Why are so many students getting colds? Germs are floating through the air and have no way out of the classroom until the class ends. This means students are sharing more than just notes; they are sharing germs.

Science shows chronic stressors lead to a weakened immune system. The stress of starting a new semester could make students more susceptible to germs. Even worry-

ing about grades or a relationship could indirectly lead to a cold.

A runny nose, sneezing, a sore throat, headache, coughing, swelling of the sinus membranes, and nasal congestion are the most common signs of a cold.

There are many methods used to ease the symptoms of the common cold. Chicken soup is the most popular method. Any kind of soup helps ease symptoms.

Sleep often and wash hands frequently. Taking a hot shower may relieve stuffiness.

Drinking hot chocolate or tea also helps. Coffee and alcohol are strongly discouraged because caffeine dehydrates the body.

Cinnamon is effective when mixed with honey. Adding water and boiling the mixture with a little pepper powder also helps. This mixture should be consumed frequently. Black pepper mixed with warm water and rock sugar is another remedy believed to ease symptoms of the common cold.

Ordering onion rings also may help ease cold symptoms. Onions naturally break up phlegm. These can also help to prevent a cold.

Altoids peppermints, Tabasco sauce, and horseradish can clear up

a stuffy nose.

Digesting up to a teaspoon of cayenne pepper two or three times a day can also relieve cold symptoms. However, proceed with caution, this may cause discomfort to people with a sensitive stomach.



PHOTO FROM WWW.GOOGLE.COM

Rubbing mustard on the chest and laying a warm washcloth on top of it may help relieve congestion. Vaseline under the nose can ease the pain caused by tissue use. Doctors also recommend petroleum jelly.

Garlic powder is believed to help ease symptoms, but science has not

proven this.

Gatorade can help re-hydrate as much as water can. Potassium and salt are lost during a cold, but Gatorade replenishes these.

Most doctors recommend simpler treatments. While there is no cure for the common cold, doctors recommend resting. They also encourage people to drink many fluids (without caffeine) and gargle warm salt water to treat a sore or scratchy throat. Taking Tylenol is ideal for fevers or headaches.

Humidifiers are also encouraged because the winter months lack humidity. There are many ways to prevent the onset of a cold. During the cold season, keep hands away from the eyes and nose as much as possible. Germs enter through these areas.

Doctors also say washing hands is one of the most effective ways to prevent a cold. If soap and water are unavailable, use hand sanitizer.

A strong immune will aid in cold prevention. Sleep at least seven hours each night and exercise to keep the immune system in shape to fight off any germs.

The Hard "Cold" Facts:

❖ The common cold is the most contagious disease in the world

❖ People do not get sick from cold weather. People actually get sick more often from being indoors rather than outdoors

❖ Adults average 2-4 colds per year

❖ The common cold is responsible for the most missed days at school and work each year

❖ Women generally catch more colds than men

❖ People age 60-plus years typically experience only one cold per year

❖ Americans spend an estimated 500 million dollars on non-prescription cold remedies every year.

❖ Antibiotics do not cure colds and viruses, only bacterial infections

❖ Some viruses can thrive for three hours on your skin or household objects

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- How old was Dustin Diamond ("Screech") when the show first aired?
a. 12 years-old
b. 10 years-old
c. 13 years-old
d. 9 years-old
- In "The Zack Tapes," which celebrity does Zack compare himself to as "The blonde__?"
a. George Michael
b. Vanilla Ice
c. Rob Lowe
d. Tom Cruise
- In which two physical activities does Kelly participate?
a. Cheerleading and Volleyball
b. Volleyball and Swimming
c. Cheerleading and Wrestling
d. Swimming and Cheerleading
- In "All in the Mall," Zack finds \$5,000 in a shoe box. Which band are the characters buying tickets to see?
a. Nirvana
b. Pearl Jam
c. U2
d. Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Which movie did Zack and Jessie sneak out of their houses to see when they were kids?
a. *Alien*
b. *E.T.*
c. *Ghost*
d. *Howard the Duck*
- Who was the Algebra at Bayside High School?
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b. Miss Wentworth
c. Mr. Testaverde
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- What was the name of Samuel's robot?
a. Robert
b. Kenny
c. Kevin
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Iraq the vote: A look inside the historical election

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH
Flashlight Writer

It has been almost two years since George Bush gave an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein and his sons, which forty-eight hours later, led to an invasion and then war. Since then, the United States has been able to set up an interim government, where Iyad Allawi was named Prime Minister. Iraq was given full control on June 30, 2004. Since then, Iraq has remained a puppet state and troops have not been removed yet.

Now, almost two years later, Iraq will participate in their first free elections, which will take place on Jan. 30.

The elections will be dissimilar to the United States process. In fact, many of the names of candidates running have not been disclosed to the public. Instead, Iraqis will be choosing from a ballot of 111 political parties. Certain parties even have up to 275 participants.



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An Iraqi worker posts a billboard that reads, "So that we can provide our children with a better country. The Jan. 30 elections are the first multi-party elections in Iraq since 1953.

Women are also included for the first time in Iraq to hold office. Yet, in order to gain a parliamentary seat, parties must be able to acquire a certain number of votes that will be decided when a percent of Iraqis

are calculated to vote.

The Shiite-Sunni popular vote will also have a factor in the elections. Because the ratio of Sunni to Shiites are about 15:85 percent (if not less), the outcome most likely

will favor the Shiites. In recent decades, the Shiites have been more militant, especially in the past several months to a year. The Sunnis have been more active in terrorist efforts for they are in fear of losing the power they have enjoyed since before many of the Iraqi citizens were born.

Even though many are optimistic, most candidates and platforms have asked to be kept unknown to protect themselves. Voting areas have also been kept secret and will not be named until at least a week prior to elections. They are keeping themselves protected from terror that may result in the days before and on the day of election. Intelligence sources estimate that 150 car bombings and 250 suicide attackers will strike in the next week or two to come. Many militant, extreme and fundamental Iraqi-Muslims will try their hardest to disrupt the elections. As a no tolerance policy, Iraq will not com-

promise with terrorists, nor postpone dates for the election.

Lebanese born terrorist, Al-Zarqawi, who is known to be linked to al-Qaeda, has taken responsibility to last week's four car bombings that killed twenty-five. Zarqawi stated that these attacks are a warning.

The outcome of what will happen is unknown. Many thought that fundamentalists would have sought out vengeance at the time of the interim transition of power last June. As result of the transition of power, if Shiites gain power, it could lead to higher civil unrest.

In a related story, a Palestinian Authority who just recently elected Mahmoud Abbas as their president went under no attacks during a smooth election day. Many Iraqis may have to look to the Palestinian example (Palestine is one of the most militant states) to try and promote a peaceful election.

Source: www.usinfo.state.gov

American Idol-Season IV: Who will be next?

By NATOSHIA SHADE
Flashlight Writer

By now many of you have heard of the phenomena called American Idol. This is the fourth season for the television show starting on Jan. 18th, 2005.

If you have been hiding in the mountains for the past four years, here is your brief summary: American Idol is a show to find the next big American act. The contestants are judged on their overall performance, not just their singing ability. They are critiqued by three panel judges, but American viewers choose who moves on and who leaves.

The panel judges include Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson, and Simon Cowell. Ryan Seacrest is the host of the show. Previous winners include Kelly Clarkson, Ruben Studdard, and Fantasia Barrino-seasons one, two, and three respectively.

The beginning of the season starts with two weeks of audition episodes. The audition cities include Cleveland, OH; Orlando, FL; New Orleans, LA; Las Vegas, NV; St. Louis, MO; Washington, D.C.; and Anchorage, Alaska. The Anchorage auditions, howev-

er, were cancelled due to schedule changes.

The audition episodes feature the best and the worst of the applicants. Mary Roach may very well be the next William Hung. She auditioned in Washington D.C. and was the last applicant shown. She walked out feeling very confident and sang, "I Felt the Earth Move." The judges all thought she was horrible and she was denied a

trip to Hollywood.

Another memorable applicant was a man who claimed to be related to Toni Braxton. He also claimed that her genes carried over to him-they clearly didn't. Forty-three men and women combined moved on to Hollywood.

The fourth season also has a somber undertone. The season is dedicated to the memory of Wil Garrity. He was a production assistant for seasons two, three, and four. He oversaw contestants and made sure everyone was taken care of-down to the smallest detail.

Many of the rules for this season have changed. In previous seasons there have been thirty-six finalists, but this season at the end of the Hollywood

round there will be twelve male and twelve female contestants. As the semi-finals progress, each week will result in elimination of two people per group. One group will perform on Tuesdays and the other on Wednesdays. This will happen until there are six male and six female contest-

ants left. They will then progress into the final stage.

Last night, the Idol crew headed to New Orleans for another set of fascinating auditions. Another episode will be aired tonight at 8, featuring the Las Vegas auditions.

Tune in and find your pick for the next American Idol!



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Mary Roach, 18, made quite a stir in her American Idol debut performance of "I Felt the Earth Move."

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CD Review:

Jimmy Eat World - *Futures*

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Rockers Jimmy Eat World released their newest album titled *Futures* this past October. The album, which comes three years after the band's self-titled disc (formerly *Bleed American*) hit stores. With the success of the very popular, and very overplayed, tune "The Middle" looming in the mind's of consumers, this release had a hard act to follow.

Word on the street suggests this CD will be pleasing to the ears of long-time Jimmy Eat World Fans. At first listen, the pop-punk songs of *Futures*, although darker than

selections on previous albums, may seem a bit generic and repetitive. But before throwing that disc out of the player, give it one more chance. Pay close attention to track four, "Kill" and track six, "Pain." Lyrically pleasing, hard rocking, and harmonious, these tunes make the sounds of today's popular punk bands (AKA Bowling for Soup and Simple Plan) seem elementary.

The vocal talents of band members Jim Adkins and Tom Linton produce a blend of harmonies that are truly the taster's choice of today's pop rock. Say good-bye to nasal, and say so long to whiny, these guys can sing!

Other standout tracks include the beautifully written ballads, "Drugs or Me," and "23." In the final song on *Futures*, Jimmy Eat World strikes gold with the addition of strings on "23."

The band, although said to be one of the emo genre's originators, seems to steer clear of sounds associated with that type of music on *Futures*. Actually,

Jimmy Eat World's newest release is hard to categorize in terms of genre. The best way to describe the sound of *Futures* is straight up rock. Music reviewers at Billboard magazine agree. Their Oct. 23, 2004 article states, "while some of the lyrical content of 'Futures' still fits the genre's mold, the quartet continues to evolve sonically into more of a rock band."



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Jimmy Eat World's *Futures* CD is an enhanced CD.

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Movie Review - *Coach Carter*

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

The moral of "Coach Carter" may be riveting and inspirational to most audiences, but after it's all said and done, you may walk away from the theater with a feeling of de ja vu considering its similarity to "Remember the Titans" or "Hoosiers." At 2 ¼ hours long, it's probably not a movie you'd pay \$8 to see again.

Samuel L. Jackson plays Ken Carter, a sports store owner who takes a position coaching basketball at his high school alma mater, Richmond High. At a high school where most students will not graduate, and basketball is the only attempt to structure the students, Carter emerges emphasizing the first word in the term "student athlete."

On the first day of practice, Carter forces the members of the team to sign a contract that enforces them to maintain a grade point average beyond what the school requires of athletes, to attend every class and sit in the front row, and to wear suits and ties on game days.

As a typical practice, Carter emphasizes discipline; not doing what is asked can cost 500 push-ups or more. Carter's code of discipline seems to do the trick: the once undisciplined team finally begins to win basketball games. The team is an absolute success—that is, until their progress reports arrive on Carter's desk.

The drama begins when Carter cancels practice and puts a lock on the gym. As the students continue to show no improvement in academia, Carter begins to cancel basketball games, leaving parents and Richmond fans in an uproar.

Subplots include a player's girlfriend (Ashanti) facing the consequences of a teenage pregnancy, one team member (Rick Gonzalez) having to choose between drugs and making money on the street or basketball, and the coach's son (Robert Ri'Chard) falling under the pressures of his not-so-scholarly teammates.

The movie is based on the real-life account of Ken Carter, who received approval and opposition when he made national news in



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Coach Carter may not score with movie goers.

1999 for shutting down his entire undefeated basketball team for not meeting academic standards.

Despite a drawn-out plot and some repetitive scenes, you may find the end of "Coach Carter" to be moving and motivational, as Carter transforms a group of undis-

ciplined boys into disciplined men. As it fits into the genre of motivational coaching movies, you may find the plot strikingly familiar, and with the repetitive and lengthy plot—well, just make sure to hit the bathroom first.

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Flashlight Spring Fashion Preview

The coolest looks for campus this spring

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Now that the dead of winter is in full swing, it seems like there is one thing on everybody's mind-SPRING! With the warmer weather quickly approaching, retailers are already stocking their racks with this year's hottest trends. But, with so many fashions to choose from this season, picking styles with staying power can be quite the task. Stick to the looks listed below, and be the coolest kid on campus this spring (ok, well maybe not the coolest, but hey, you'll look great!).

Women

Casual designs for women this spring seem to stay with trends already made popular in the previous months. For the early weeks of spring, when the weather is still not quite warm enough for short sleeves, collared three-quarter sleeve shirts make for a simple, yet cute, everyday piece of apparel. These fitted shirts should be placed over a coordinating camisole; usually solid colors work best, but this spring basic tanks are being printed with subtle patterns for added flare.

When it comes to bottoms, casual trouser-styled pants in light spring tones are a great investment. Teamed with a basic top, these pants are great for day-to-day activities; put them with a sexy camisole and heels and they are perfect for special events and gatherings.

This year's skirts seem to place less of an emphasis on pleated designs. Short skirts of all materials that sit low on the hips can be dressed up or down. From denim, to trouser material, to khaki and white, there are skirts available for all occasions.

Sundresses are a wonderful, and feminine way, to kick it up a few notches this spring. Fitted dresses that hit the knee or come just below are the way to go. Look for spaghetti straps or halter styles in simple patterns or bold solids. Flowy, or in this case, pleated skirts on these dresses stress the feminine side of these designs.

But what about when the weather heats up? Shorts this year aren't much different from previous seasons. Low-rise, short styles are best. Look for simple cuts that emphasize the pockets. Surplus-styled pockets on the front are nice for any casual look.

Need a swimsuit before heading off to a spring break destination? Two pieces remain popular (of course) this year, with tops cut in halter styles. Bikini cut bottoms, rather than boy cut shorts, are also fashionable this year. One-piece suits are hotter than ever. Look for designs that are simple yet sexy. A halter-top style in a basic color are the perfect for one pieces.

Shoes and sandals for spring stick to earthy looks of leather and very basic tones. Flip-flops will remain popular, although heeled flip-flops don't seem to be stylish again this year. Soles should be flat, or platformed, but never chunky. Straps should be slender and feminine.

Men

Men's shirts for early spring are collared and light weight. Stripe patterns are a great way to go for these pieces. Shirts should be worn buttoned half-way and over a screen-printed vintage style t-shirt.

Track jackets are all the rage this

season. Cut in a tighter, old-school styles these jackets can be worn as everyday pieces of outdoor apparel, or can be layered over this year's coolest t-shirts for all-day wear.

Shorts don't differ distinctly for men this year. Worn-looking cargo shorts in darker khaki tones, like camel, are the best bet. Board shorts are cool for the beach, and even mesh shorts have found a place on the runway this year.

When it comes to men's swimwear, board shorts worn low are the way to go. In an array of different colors and patterns, styles will be seen this year in everything from solids to Hawaiian prints. Cargo pockets on these shorts are a wonderful accent.

As far as shoes go, leather flip-flops with a wide band are an excellent style. Casual shoes take on two-toned track team inspired styles.

Get it for Less

Making additions to a wardrobe can be pricy. However, the great thing about this year's styles is that

they can be picked up anywhere. Department stores like Kohls and JC Penny often carry looks for less money than trendy specialty outfitters like Abercrombie and Fitch. Don't be afraid to hit up the local K-Mart or Wal-Mart. These stores constantly try to stay up with the latest styles. Thrift shops can be a gold mine of fashion. As long as faded worn, and vintage remain key elements of style (especially college

style), why not go out and buy actual faded, worn, and vintage items dirt cheap!

Check them out

Ler's face it, when it comes to fashion, a picture is worth a thousand words. Check out the shots of this season's trendiest styles. Sandals, skirts, and short-sleeves? Spring can't come soon enough! Photos From: www.AE.com, www.GAP.com



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Spring usually gets off to a chilly start. Layer items to stay warm.



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Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Recently while reminiscing about my life with two of my closer friends at Mansfield University, an interesting question was raised. "Would you do anything differently in your life if you could do it again?" My answer was an immediate "No."

This is something I have thought about for quite some time. Think about it for a minute. Would you do anything differently in your life if you could do it again? That question is much more difficult than it looks if only for one reason. Every aspect in life is built off of every possible move a person has or has not made.

I was in a long-term relationship

Would you do anything differently in your life if you could do it again?

Alterations in life could create a domino effect in the end

with a girl I grew up with during high school. We dated well in to my college career. I had always envisioned the two of us growing old together. It did not matter what obstacle had come between us, I believed that we would make it through and last until our time on this planet was up.

Then reality set in just prior to our fourth anniversary. We realized our differences had evolved into a beast in which nothing could contain, even love and patience.

The relationship was over, just as I thought my future would be. I lost all ambition for what I was doing and ultimately I began contemplating resignation from organization posts, transferring to another school and starting my life over.

However, life works in mysterious ways. A couple weeks later, I was invited to a party. Although hesitant about my accepting the invite, I felt that I needed to get my mind off of the person who had taken control of it. Since that day, my life has not been the same.

I had a great time the next night, which is exactly what I needed. I also met a person whom to this day, I hold extremely close to me. This person knows me inside and out and is one of the few people I have met at Mansfield University who will not judge me no matter what I do. I feel that no matter what I will have to endure in my life, there is at least one person from Mansfield who will be in my corner no matter what. I directly

attribute our first encounter to my then recent personal tragedy.

Along with establishing a close relationship with this person, came an eventual position at The Flashlight where I was asked to be the Copy Editor. From there came three promotions and a newfound interest in writing and editing. Both of which I hope to do for the duration of my life.

It is easy to wish to change certain things when life does not seem like it is dealing you a fair hand. You may not enjoy the hardships in life right when they happen. I simply cannot stand them. However, I am a firm believer that every thing happens for a reason. There is not one day that goes by in which I do not thank the dealer for my hand.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is the amount of campus involvement a problem at Mansfield University?

E-mail your thoughts on this to flashlit@mnsfld.edu.@yahoo.com

Student Government Association Update

On behalf of Senate I would to take this opportunity to thank all of the organizations and individuals who came out to the First Annual Spring Organizational Fair at the Kelchner Fitness Center on Thursday Jan. 13, 2005. It was wonderful to see you all there. If you have any comments or

suggestions regarding how we can improve for next years fair please let us know via e-mail at mansfieldsga@yahoo.com.

During the meeting: Student Government Association will be holding special elections on Jan. 31, 2005 at 9:15 p.m. in room 317 of the Alumni Hall Union Building

for those individuals who are interested in becoming a part of this great organization. To be eligible as a Senator you must have at least a 2.0 GPA, have earned a minimum of 12 credits, and be available on Monday nights at 9:15 p.m. For more information please contact Senate Speaker Melinda

Bellows at bellowsm@mnsfld.edu.

SGA meetings open to the public and are held in room 317 AHUB at 9:15 p.m. Monday nights. Please feel free to stop by our office in room 321 AHUB.

Elizabeth O'Dell
SGA President

Letter to the Editor:

In the Dec. 9 issue of *The Flashlight*, I submitted a "Letter to the Editor" titled "Large class sizes becoming a problem." My goal of that letter was to encourage students to voice any concerns that they have on the increase of class sizes at Mansfield University.

However, I was not successful in making my comments ambiguous. I used the term "a public speaking class." This was a poor description on my behalf. I pulled my experiences from several classes from different academic departments; one involved presentations which included public speaking.

A concern was brought to me, that in my last submission I was singling out Public Communication or COM4425. This however, was not the case. I apologize for any confusion.

Sarah Stoermer

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Commentary: Mansfield University: Taking the good with the bad

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

It seems that lately, all I've had to say about Mansfield University is negative. Whether or not people find my opinions to be invalid, too aggressive or just plain wrong is not really of any concern to me. This is assuming, of course, that people actually read what I have to say. Having said this, I believe that although Mansfield has its problems, much like any other institution does, it is also a pretty great place in a number of other respects.

First and foremost, what sets Mansfield apart from a great number of other academic institutions is simply our size. While this may not necessarily seem to be an advantage at first glance, everybody knows that having

a smaller university means smaller classes. Smaller classes, I think, make all the difference in the world. As students of Mansfield we all could have gone to bigger schools with bigger reputations and better sports teams. Yet, if we had all gone to a larger school, we would have been tossed into classes with hundreds of other students.

Hundreds? That's inconceivable to me. I think in my four years here, I've only been in a class with more than 27 students, maybe four times. The great part about having smaller classes is that the professors can spend much more time discussing and answering questions with the students. While this is typical of any small school, what I think really makes a difference is that some of the best professors I've ever had have been

those who do not mind taking a slight foray off topic to discuss something that, although related, does not necessarily fit in with the lesson plan. Even in the face of sometimes apathetic or primate students, many of the professors at Mansfield go above and beyond their typical call of duty to teach the students about life, and I find this to be commendable. While many of us are here to get the skills and knowledge to be successful professionally, it is equally beneficial when a professor offers his or her perspective on anything from global warming to choosing the right tax forms.

Secondly, as much as I loathe using both Blackboard and Webadvisor, our campus is certainly up on its technology. In terms of information technology, our school rivals;

if not bests, many of the other schools that I've been to. The WiFi connections in various spots on campus I find to be a particularly good example of Mansfield's full embrace of technology. Admittedly, the embracing of technology can lead us down dark roads and sometimes I question the quality of online classes and programs, but this is no reason to shy away from adopting new and better technologies so long as they are used smartly and efficiently.

A secondary note to this is what I find to be particularly positive about Mansfield is that, while we have all this wonderful technology, most of the faculty actually knows how to use it. This, again, is yards above many other institutions that claim to have excellent implementation of technological advancements.

Many other schools have technological resources but most of them go unused or under-used by the faculty. I find that this is not the case at Mansfield.

Ultimately, at Mansfield you get what you pay for. I firmly believe that the value of education that is to be had here is outstanding, especially when it is juxtaposed with the financial cost of attending. While it is true that Mansfield may lack some comforts that other schools might have, I think Mansfield is great where it counts. So forgive me for having been negative Mansfield, it's only because I love you.

The point is, Mansfield University is a great place and it takes the involvement of students, faculty and administration in concert to keep it this way.

Letter to the Editor: *Attendance prepares for life while absenteeism prepares for failure*

Dear Mr. Dubord,

I agree with some of the points in your article about absenteeism. I believe that college is a growing up experience and that some students are not ready for college. I used to enjoy cutting class and going to other towns sightseeing and shopping when I was an undergraduate student. I did not have to write a paper to get into college. I did have an interview with an academic dean. I changed majors and came to Mansfield.

The professors in the education department demand vigorous classwork from their students. These professors want their students to become the best

teachers in the field. Being in early morning classes is a way for preparing students for their student teaching experiences where they will have to be at their schools as early as 7:30 a.m.

Being in class is important because we all learn from each other as well as the professors. I miss classes on occasion and try to explain to the professors why I missed or why my classwork was not handed in on time. As a non-traditional student, I am here to learn as much as I can.

Sincerely,

Christine L. Janeski

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Hoop dreams fall victim to grades: NBA hopeful loses college eligibility

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Editor

An athletic tragedy, a college competitor horror story: Athletes with big dreams, losing sight of the task at hand. It happens often, and a lot of the time the stories of these athletes are lost. America cannot miss the standout player that they never got to see.

I came up with the topic for this editorial when I stumbled across the story of Sean Banks; a college basketball player focused so hard on playing at the next level that he forgot to take care of the jersey he is wearing now. Banks has not lived up to his collegiate expectations, and now the big money of the National Basketball Association may have become a faint hope.

Banks was born in Englewood, N.J. He was heavily scouted in high school. The 6'8" high school student possessed a smooth floor game, did a solid job of competing in traffic, could go to the basket and finish the mid-range jumper. Banks was a star taking shots from anywhere on the floor. He seemed fearless and was offensively aggressive. Hands down, Banks was an amazing athlete. At that time, it was almost definite that he had a future in the NBA.

Banks went on to play for Memphis, as a freshman, he averaged 17.4 points and 6.5 rebounds while shooting 43 percent from the field. ESPN.com named him the best freshman in the nation. So where is the tragedy, the horror story I mentioned? This season, Banks is sidelined for the second semester. He is an academic casualty. Banks was so concerned with his 'potential future' with the NBA that he did not stay focused on his college challenges.

Entering the 2004-05 season Banks was one of the best players in the Conference USA. In addition, he made the pre-season all-conference first team, things did not fall into place for Banks this season. The problem began in the off-season when he did



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Sean Banks was voted Freshman of The Year by ESPN.com last season.

not show up for a tryout with a national all-star team. His numbers began to drop on the court. He was shooting poorly at 34.7 percent from the field, and he was not playing as a team member.

Memphis head coach, John Calipari, was optimistic about the Tigers before the season began. Unfortunately, he had no idea what was coming. The team has been unpredictable and erratic, having huge victories followed by astonishing losses. Needless to say, the team is suffering.

The season is not over yet; Banks could turn things around. However, it is not likely that Banks will do it at Memphis. He will most likely enter the NBA draft in June rather than attempt to regain his college eligibility.

Is Banks missing out, or getting to his goal earlier? Well, I guess that is for him to know, but he is not going to be a fast mover in the draft. Scout report after scout report listed Banks strong points, but were followed by statements suggesting Banks would be best considered for NBA play after his body developed further. Oh yeah, and then there is that lack of a degree thing, but who needs that? Especially, if you are in the NBA.

It is a sad story. Hopefully, other athletes can learn from Banks, and keep their focus to stay eligible for their respective colleges.

Flashlight Question of the Week:

**Is there too much pressure
on college athletes?**

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HOT TOPIC: Should an athlete need a championship ring in order to be inducted into the Hall of Fame?

Championships **DO NOT** define a career

By SHANE WILBER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Throughout my childhood I could have been what some considered a "sports addict", but that's okay. Whether it was playing or watching sports, they kept me out of trouble. I have spent years watching various sports and athletes. While some are fortunate enough to win a championship, it does not make those just as talented and less fortunate any less worthy of receiving the honor of getting into that particular sport's Hall of Fame. I will give three good examples from the three major sports to defend my case.

First, I will start with my personal favorite of the sports, football. Dan Marino, former Quarterback of the Miami Dolphins and current CBS Sports Analyst, played many seasons in the National Football League and while making one Super Bowl appearance in his rookie season he was never able to reach another championship game in his career. However, throughout his career in Miami, Marino established many of the records that quarterbacks in today's era are chasing. Such as career passing touchdowns, career passing yards,

and of course the one that most sportswriters thought would never fall and in my opinion the most popular, most Touchdown Passes in a season, was just broken this season by Indianapolis Colts' quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Switching to a different sport and same situation, in Major League Baseball there is a player by the name of Cal Ripken Jr. While Ripken Jr. has no title to shine in his career he is without a doubt a Hall of Famer because of his dedication to the game and breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played streak of 2,130 in 1995 at Camden Yards. Ripken Jr. solidified his position in the Hall of Fame by becoming and probably forever remaining baseball's "Iron Man."

Finally looking at the sport of basketball I am going to give two examples because you cannot talk about one without including the other. The National Basketball Association's most deserving Hall of Famers without a championship go by the names of Karl Malone and John Stockton. These two men together established NBA basketball in the state of Utah. Together they compiled winning season

after winning season and even made a couple championship appearances. However, each were denied a championship in each appearance by the Chicago Bulls' dynasty of the 1990s. Malone is still currently playing in the NBA and is second on the all-time scoring list only behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Stockton went on to set the NBA's career assist record and still holds that record to date.

To keep these athletes out of their respective sports' Hall of Fame would be a disgrace to that game. An athlete should not be defined on whether or not he wins a championship, but how he performs on the field and the integrity and class of how he goes about it. These four men demonstrated incredible talent in their professional careers and became some of the most popular names in sports history. To let their years of service be overshadowed by not winning ONE championship shows that someone truly does not appreciate a great athlete when they have the chance to see one.

Inductions should be based on stats not rings

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Editor

The 39 members of the Board of Selectors will meet in Feb. to name the Class of 2005 in the National Football League Hall of Fame. The Board is made up of one media representative from every professional football city. Except for New York, which has two representatives, due to the fact that New York State has two teams in the NFL. Another board member is a representative of the Pro Football Writers of America and there are six other delegates.

This Feb. the Board of Selectors will have before them a roster of 15 final candidates, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, as well as a detailed biography on each. The other finalists will be the survivors from a preliminary list, provided by the fans, of 90 candidates, which the Board screens through mail ballot.

A fan may nominate any person connected with the NFL. All the fan has to do is write to the NFL Hall of Fame. The only restriction is that a player must be retired for

at least five years. For example, any candidate up for this year's induction must have ended his career no later than the 1999 season.

Should there be more restrictions? Should players inducted into the Hall of Fame be required to have won a championship? Currently, there are 225 members of the Hall of Fame. Personally, I feel that there should not be further restrictions. Great teams and great players are not necessarily one in the same. There can be a stellar player on the team that cannot break away and defeat its opponent. Just as there can be several mediocre members of a team that work together so well that they are a strong block for any rival.

It would not be fair to exclude a player from receiving the honor of being inducted into the professional football Hall of Fame based on a championship, or total wins and losses. It should be based on their own numbers in comparison to other NFL players holding the same position.

Editor's Note:

In the Jan. 20, issue of *The Flashlight* there was an error in an article titled 'Matt Leinart: One decision, many effected.' The article called USC, the University of South Carolina, instead of the University of Southern California. This inaccuracy was over-looked in the editing process. I apologize to anyone who was upset by the error.

Sarah Stoerner
Flashlight Sports Editor

Cross country closes strong

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Cross Country team had a memorable fall season. Their accomplishments drew attention throughout campus and on the national level.

On Nov. 20, Mansfield junior Charity Learn competed at the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships in Evansville, IN. Learn was looking to become Mansfield's first ever Cross Country All-American. She had run in the National Championship race in 2002, her freshman year, but finished 95th.

2004 would prove to be a different story. Learn managed to stick to her race plan and ran the race that she needed to run. Learn

placed 33rd overall with a time of 23:03.6, good for All-American status. The magnitude of the moment didn't even hit Learn until later that day. "Honestly, I didn't believe I was All-American when Coach first told me a few minutes after the end of the race," Learn said. "It didn't really even begin to sink in until that night when I first saw my All-American certificate. My first thought was 'Thank you God!' I was really amazed."

Cross Country Head Coach Michael Rohl believes Learn's first National Championship race served as important experience.

"We knew what had gone wrong in the race her freshman year," Rohl said, "and basically we spent

two years preparing Charity for this one race." The preparation proved itself valuable.

Learn's achievements made her the clear choice for Mansfield's Female Fall Athlete of the Year. The award was Learn's third, tying the school record.

On the men's side, Chris Cummings had All-American aspirations of his own. Those hopes were all but dashed when Cummings suffered a bruised foot the Monday before the East Regional race. Despite being unable to practice until the day before the race, Cummings managed to finish in 27th place with a time of 33:38.

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Lady Mountaineers cannot keep up with West Chester

By CARL FREDERICK

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield Lady Mountaineers could not keep up with the high-flying offense of the West Chester Golden Rams dropping their eight straight decision 70-52.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mansfield University Women's basketball drops another spot in PSAC.

Trailing only by two going into halftime West Chester pulled away with a 15-1 run midway through the second half. West Chester never looked back and would go on to 11-7 overall and 2-0 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East division. Mansfield, who still has not recorded a win in the new-year, fell to 5-10 overall and 0-2 in PSAC East play.

The Lady Mounties were very crisp in the first-half shooting 54.5 percent from the field and 60 percent from the three-point range. The second half was a different story as the Mansfield went cold shooting 40 percent from the field and only 20 percent from the three-point arc. When you add in a season-high 27 turnovers and shoot only 53 percent from the line as a team that on most occasions will result in a loss in the record book.

"I thought that we played a great first half against West Chester. Unfortunately, I felt that when we got down between eight and 14 points, our team started to feel like that they could not win the game." Head Coach Ruth Hermansen said, "We've played a very tough stretch of great basketball teams, many of them on the road."

The Lady Mountaineers again received an outstanding afternoon from starting freshman guard Alicia Espigh, who matched her season high with 18 points all from beyond the arc. Espigh, who was rookie of the week in the PSAC East last week, was 6-9 from the three-point line and pulled down four rebounds. Jessica Uhrich chipped in with 12 and Laura Scordino added eight points while grabbing four rebounds as well.

West Chester received another productive outing from leading scorer Kiesha Mack who put in 19 points while going 3-4 from the three-point line. Staci O'Byle added 11 points for the Golden Rams who will be back in action at home to face the Kutztown Golden Bears.

The Lady Mountaineers will look to end their losing streak at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday as they face Bloomsburg Huskies at Decker Gymnasium.



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Six first place swimmers lead the Mountaineers past the Express

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Editor-In-Chief

The Mansfield University Mountaineer swim team was victorious in their final home meet at Decker Gymnasium on Monday as they swam past the Express of Wells College with a 106-73 score.

On a day where Mansfield athletics bid farewell to outgoing swimmer Kelsey Hogan, six Mountaineer swimmers finished in first place. Mansfield was led by freshmen Maureen Maikner who placed first in the 1,000-yard Freestyle (12:00.93), Stephanie Klegarth with a win in the 400-yard Individual Medley (5:15.65) and Vanessa McElwee the victor in the 100-yard Backstroke (1:05.32). Sophomore Daniella Borrelli took first place in the 50-yard Freestyle (26.92) while junior swimmers Andrea Popovic, participant in the

200-yard Freestyle (2:11.50) and Melissa Recchiuti, who swam the 100-yard Breaststroke (1:19.45), walked away from the pool with first place in their respective events.

Along with six individual first place results, the Mountaineer 200-yard Medley Relay foursome of sophomore Abbie Tipton, Klegarth, Borrelli and Maikner captured a victory in their event with a time of 2:00.12.

The senior swimmer Hogan celebrated Senior Day with a second place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:11.03. She was one of eight second place swimmers on the day for the Mountaineers including freshmen Kristine Van Duzer, Emily Sheehan and junior Charity Learn.

Mountaineer Head Coach Danita Fox was pleased with her seniors' performance on Monday. "It was

our senior meet and Kelsey Hogan has been a very solid team member for our program," Fox said. "She will be greatly missed."

McElwee is an up-and-coming swimmer for the Mountaineers. She was impressed with how her teammates performed on Monday as well as through the duration of the season.

"I am happy with how well we performed," McElwee said. "We have done very well this season. We have dropped our times a lot since the season began."

Several Mansfield swimmers are on their way to qualifying for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Popovic, Borrelli, Maikner, Klegarth and McElwee are in need of improving their individual times in order to qualify. Tipton is the only Mountaineer swimmer to earn a spot at the event as of now.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Kelsey Hogan swam her last event at Decker Gymnasium Senior Day.

As far as her individual performance, McElwee has a good feeling about her upcoming events and hopeful appearance in the PSAC events. "I felt awesome in the water," McElwee said. "It was the best I had felt throughout this long

stressful season. I dropped about two seconds on Monday. I just need to drop another in order to qualify for PSACs."

The Mountaineer swimmers will compete again at 1 p.m. on Jan. 29 at East Stroudsburg University.

Mansfield graduate attributes his success to his "Small university experience"

Mike Kane had a lot riding on the outcome of last Sunday's Philadelphia Eagle-Minnesota Vikings National Football Conference playoff game, but it had nothing to do with money or betting.

The former Mansfield University sports information student-assistant is a lifetime Eagles' fan and was on-call, watching the game from a lounge at the Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Az.

If the Eagles won, so did Kane. A victory would send the 24-year old member of the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals media relations staff on a first-class round trip all expenses paid trip back home to Philadelphia, compliments of the NFL as one of the league's media representatives for the NFC Championship Game.

There was a little breathing room, but not much. The NFL had booked him on a flight leaving Phoenix at 4:08 Mountain Time, about an hour and a half after the Eagles 27-14 win in Philadelphia.

The trip to the NFC Championship tops off a wild and exciting 16-month ride for Kane. He started as a full-time paid intern for the Eagles media relations staff living at home to make ends meet on about a \$15,000 salary.

In Sept. of 2003, Kane left the Eagles for the security of a full-time position with Jon Bon Jovi's Philadelphia Soul as communications manager in the media relations office for the Soul's inaugural season in the Arena Football League.

"That was a great learning opportunity and a lot of fun," said Kane of his brief stint with the Soul. "The whole season was exciting and of course working for Jon Bon Jovi was about as cool as it can get."

Kane did a little of everything for the Soul, including once driving Bon Jovi and Soul head coach Michael Trigg to some pre-season interviews at media outlets in downtown Philadelphia. Because of a transportation mix-up, Kane ended up driving the group in his 2000 Saturn with the offensive lineman sized Trigg squeezed into the front seat and Bon Jovi riding in the back.

"I'm pretty sure that was Jon's first and only ride in the back seat of a 2000 Saturn," laughed Kane, who still has the car with him in Arizona and allows only special passengers to sit in Bon Jovi's seat.

Kane was all set for a second season with the Soul, but was always on the lookout for his dream job as a full-time member of the NFL media relations staff. He got his break just as NFL players were reporting to camp.

On a hot August day, Kane got a call from Derrick Boyko, his former boss and the director of Football Media Services for the Eagles. The Arizona Cardinals were looking to fill a position in their media relations department. They wanted someone with NFL experience who could make the move in a hurry.

For a 24-year old, Kane was about as experienced as you could get. He worked as an intern for the

Carolina Panthers in the summer of 2000, and was and was a part-time member of the staff with the Eagles in 2001 before the full-time internship in 2002. In addition, he had been an assistant in the sports information office at Mansfield for three years before graduating in 2003. This will be his third straight NFC Championship game after working the last two with the Eagles.

However, there was one question – should he leave the relative security of a full-time position with the Soul to travel to Arizona for what was then a temporary spot with the Cardinals?

"It really didn't take too long to come to a decision," said Kane. "My goal and dream has always been to work for an NFL team and those type of openings – full-time or not – don't come up too often."

Kane took the offer with Arizona flying him out to Phoenix two days later, paying for the now famous Saturn to be shipped by rail.

It has been a good decision. Kane quickly fit in out west and enjoyed the challenge of working in a new environment.

"The Cardinals are really an exciting team to be working for right now," explained Kane. "We had Emmett Smith this season and a competitive team that was in the hunt for a playoff bid right up to the last game. We're building a new stadium (completion date is set for the 2006 season) and will be hosting a future Super Bowl."

Kane also got some good news as



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Mike Kane was involved in several organizations, during his time at Mansfield University.

the just after the season. First, the Eagles asked the NFL for Kane to be one of the six extra public relations people assigned the NFC Championship Game by the league and the next day the Cardinals offered him a permanent position. "It really has been a wild 16 months," said Kane. "I went from sharing a bedroom at my parent's house with my younger brother and struggling to make car and insurance payments to sharing a three-bedroom house with a pool in Phoenix and covering the NFL's all-time leading rusher. But I just stayed with my dream and anytime any ask me to do some, I did it. This is a people business and the more people you get to know the better your chances are of them remembering you when a job comes open."

Although he has realized his dream

and made the big time with an NFL team, Kane credits his experience at Mansfield for a lot of his success.

"I can honestly say you work harder at a small school like Mansfield than you do in the NFL," said Kane. "There's a lot more glory in the NFL, but there's a lot more to cover working in a small college sports information office."

"I learned a lot at Mansfield because I had the opportunity to learn a lot. But the most important thing I learned is how hard the media works in a small-market. That is helped me a lot and I have a great respect for smaller market media. When they call, I always treat them if they were the most important person we deal with that day and introduce myself to them before a game. I do not know if I would have learned that lesson if I had gone to Syracuse or Penn State."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Chris Cummings was Mansfield University's Fall Male Athlete of the Year.

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Despite coming up short of his ultimate goal, the sophomore put together an impressive enough season to be named the Mansfield University Male Fall Athlete of the Year. It marked the second time Cummings has earned the award.

Rohl believes the accolades and accomplishments are important in building a successful program. "This is the way it gets done," Rohl said. "The attention gets people to buy into what we're doing. The campus, the administration and the community all get motivated to support the program." After this past Cross Country season, it's safe to say the momentum is there.



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Mountaineers split decisions in PSAC opener against Marauders and Golden Rams

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team opened the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East portion of the schedule with a road loss and a home win. The Mountaineers opened their conference schedule with a road trip to Millersville on Wednesday, Jan. 19, and fell 85-68. They responded with a 53-50 home victory over West Chester on Saturday, Jan. 22. The win over West Chester improved Mansfield's

record to 8-9 overall and 1-1 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield traveled to Millersville attempting to extend a two game road winning streak. A scoreless first minute and a half defied what was about to come. The two teams traded baskets rapid fire over the next few minutes, and the game stayed nip and tuck. Mansfield took their first lead of the contest at 12-11 with 14:52 to go in the first half on a lay up by Carlos Collazo. Their second lead would come seconds later at 14-13 on a jumper by the transfer from Bloomsburg, Jason Benson. That would also mark Mansfield's final lead of the game.

The Marauders reeled off seven straight points on the strength of the passing and scoring of back-court mates Charlie Parker and Greg Testa. After Collazo converted a conventional three-point play to bring Mansfield within 26-19, Millersville again put seven unanswered points to extend out to a 33-19 advantage. Following two free throws by Brandon Deshields, the Marauders scored eight in a row to push their lead to 45-24. The three mini-runs helped Millersville coast to a 56-32 halftime spread. The Marauders shot 66 percent in the first half.

Mansfield Head Coach Vince Alexander shuffled his lineup to start the second half, benching three starters in favor of lesser used bench players. The Mountaineers were far more competitive in the second half of play but the deficit was too much to overcome. Mansfield fell by the seventeen point deficit to slide to 7-9 overall and 0-1 in the league. Millersville improved to 11-3 on the year and 1-1 in PSAC East action.

Collazo paced the Mounties with 20 points before fouling out.

Fellow big man Justin Kress posted a double double with ten points and ten rebounds. Testa was all over the box score for the Marauders, scoring 22 points and adding seven assists, six rebounds and four steals. Parker contributed with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Mansfield returned home with intentions of getting the bad taste out of their mouths in their PSAC East home opener against West Chester on a snowy Saturday. The Mountaineers opened well, jumping out to an 8-6 lead on a Benson jumper with 15:21 left in the first half. Yet those would be the last points Mansfield would score for over nine minutes. Yet the Golden Rams were unable to take major advantage of the drought, as when Benson hit a three at the 6:12 mark, it left West Chester with only a 15-11 advantage.

The Decker Gymnasium crowd got fired up for the first time all afternoon when Aaron Williams of West Chester rimmed out a dunk. Mansfield turned it into a Brian Bryant jumper, which was set up by a vicious, but legal, pick by Jeremy Frey. The senior Frey also deposited the next two points on a steal and athletic spinning lay up to cut the West Chester lead to 17-15 with 3:02 to go in the first half. Mansfield could get no closer though in the first half and trailed at the break 24-18. 36 percent shooting and 14 turnovers plagued the Mountaineers in the first half.

Mansfield once again cut the deficit to two early in the second half, when a Terrance Williams made a lay up to make the score 28-26. West Chester quickly answered back with an 8-0 run of their own, highlighted by two Matt Kurtz threes to give the Golden Rams their first and only double digit

lead of the day, 36-26.

The Mountaineers counterpunched back, as back-to-back threes by Williams and Dave Hoopes snipped the lead down to four.

The Mountaineers stayed close throughout the midway section of the half, but were unable to catch the Golden Rams until the 4:49 mark. With the shot clock running down, Brandon Deshields nailed a three pointer to even the game at 42. A Jeremy Frey driving basket and the foul netted

Mansfield their first lead of the second half at 44-42. After Frey

missed the free throw, two Kurtz free throws evened the score at 44. Collazo answered with two from the charity stripe of his own to give the Mountaineers the lead for good at 46-44.

After a one for two trip to the line by Mark Gerhart, Deshields hit a clutch three to extend the Mountaineers advantage to 49-45 with 2:39 to go. Gerhart fired back with a long three pointer to cut the lead to 49-48. Two Collazo free throws pushed Mansfield's lead back to 51-48 with 1:18 to go. After a one of two trip to the line by Kurtz and a turnover by Benson on Mansfield's ensuing possession, West Chester had the ball down by two with 12 seconds left.

Deshields stepped in front of Kurtz at midcourt, hoping to draw the charge but instead drew a blocking foul, sending the 83 per-



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Jeremy Frey clinched the win for Mansfield by sinking two free throws.

cent free throw shooter to the line for a chance to tie. Kurtz missed the first but made the second to make it a one point game. Coach Alexander chose to go to Frey in the crucial situation and Frey delivered with two free throws to spread the lead to three. The last ditch attempt for the Golden Rams went to Shawn Werdt and his three was on line but came up short giving the Mountaineers the 53-50 triumph.

Mansfield improved to 8-9 overall and 1-1 in league play with the win while West Chester slipped to 12-6 overall and 2-1 in the PSAC East. Collazo had another solid game inside, putting up 13 points and six rebounds. Kurtz led three Golden Rams in double figures, scoring ten of his game high fourteen points in the second half.

The Mountaineers gets back to action on Jan. 26 when they welcome Bloomsburg to Decker Gym for a PSAC East match-up.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Collazo was a key player as the Mountaineers rallied against the West Chester Golden Rams.

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Russian musician touring through Mansfield

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

Arkady Shilkloper, a Russian French hornist, will visit Mansfield University on Feb. 7-8. He will be performing on Monday, Feb. 7, at 8:15 p.m. in Steadman Theater.

Daren Robbins, a Professor of French horn and Music Theory, began to organize the event last year when he taught in Wisconsin. Shilkloper was scheduled to appear at eight universities in the Midwest including the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin.

"He is in high demand as a soloist and clinician in the U.S. and Europe," Robbins said.

When Robbins began teaching at Mansfield University he wanted to have Shilkloper appear here as well. He started organizing and eventually added Mansfield University and Eastmen School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. to the list of schools Shilkloper would be touring.

"He's a very hip guy and a completely entertaining performer. People will enjoy the concert whether

they are musicians or not," Robbins said.

On Feb. 8, Shilkloper will be holding a master class at 1 p.m. in room 136 of Butler Center. Both the concert and class are free and open to the public.

Robbins said Shilkloper will be discussing improvisation and writing music. Most of what Shilkloper performs is improvisation and he will be discussing what he does with his music and also how to be more creative even with already composed music.

Shilkloper is well known within the French horn and jazz world. Although he is more famous in Europe he is steadily becoming more widely known around the world.

He has performed and recorded with several jazz musicians such as Lionel Hampton, Elvin Jones, Lew Soloff and Herb Ellis.

Along with the French horn, he plays the flugelhorn and alphorn. He has been a member of the orchestra of the Bolshoi Theatre, the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra and recorded with the Vienna Art Orchestra.



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Acclaimed Russian hornist, Arkady Shilkloper will be visiting Mansfield University on Feb. 7-8 in Steadman Theater.

Familiar faces appearing at mansfieldfacebook.com

By JASON PRZYBYCIEN

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Mansfield University has a site devoted to connecting students on campus that is called a "facebook." By visiting this site at mansfieldfacebook.com, Mansfield students can now connect to others with similar interests via an Internet search engine.

In addition, the website offers free services to universities. It defines a facebook as, "an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges." Several dozen universities are listed at thefacebook.com.

The idea of a facebook is to post a picture of yourself along with personal information so people can find others with similar interests.

One of the first students at Mansfield to catch onto the facebook movement was Amber Servey. She heard about it through a friend and sent an email to thefacebook.com asking them to host a site for Mansfield. The website mansfieldfacebook.com appeared on student radar in the middle of the following week.

Students received personal emails inviting them to join. "When I first joined there were about 10 people,"



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To date over 300 Mansfield students have registered at www.mansfieldfacebook.com which is a service for students, faculty and alumni to contact each other.

Servey said. "Later on that night there were probably 50. It grew pretty fast."

Membership growth continued through the week. The site reported 128 members on Friday, Jan. 28, just days after the initial emails were sent. Two days later, membership stood at 269.

These figures could not be inflated due to the registration process at the site. Users must have a valid campus email account as a login name. Nothing else is permitted.

Still, there is a danger of mischief. The usage license at the website states that abuse will be prosecuted. Abuse such as spamming and fighting over the communication channels offered by the site are specifically mentioned.

An iron-clad legal agreement might not be enough to prohibit stalking.

Computer Science Club President Brent Phillips, whose information is posted, spoke about the implications. "Although he does not fear stalkers," Phillips said, "A stalker could really invade your privacy using facebook."

Despite these dangers, Servey feels contacting the facebook site to host our university was still a positive act.

"I thought it'd be cool to get Mansfield on there," Servey said. "Until you see it you don't know how dangerous it could be when it comes to stalking. I think it's a good idea, but in the same sense I don't think there should be such information as phone number, classes, [and] where you live."



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Today's Weather



Few snow showers
with a 30% chance of
precipitation.

High: 12° Low: -9°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather



TODAY



Partly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation

High: 35° Low: 18°

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 33° Low: 23°

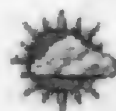
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 34° Low: 13°

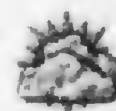
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation

High: 35° Low: 26°

MONDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 35° Low: 29°

TUESDAY



Wintry mix with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 37° Low: 20°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 31° Low: 18°

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Congratulations to the Writers of the Week!

NEWS

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SGA Update

By ELIZABETH O'DELL
President of SGA

SGA welcomed two new senators, Buddy Njere and Katie Lloyd, at their Jan. 24 meeting. Senators elected Jan. 30 will be welcomed at the next meeting.

There have also been a few additions to the executive board of Student Government Association. Brianna Alderfer was appointed as Recording Secretary and Sherri Fisher as Corresponding Secretary.

"I'm excited to see new faces and to get working on some new projects," Brianna Strope, Vice President of SGA, said.

Also last week, College Community Services Inc. (CCSI) had its first executive board meet-

ing of the semester. Mike Lemasters, Executive Director of Student Affairs, had a brief orientation for the board members and explained the importance of student involvement and input. Board members for this semester are Julie Miller, Erica Costantino, Elizabeth O'Dell, Brianna Alderfer, Brianna Strope, Mubanga Chishimba, and Charee Grover. The board will meet again in February.

SGA meetings are held at 9:15 p.m. Monday in room 317 AHUB. They are open to the public.

Officers can be reached in the SGA office, room 321 AHUB, via e-mail at mansfieldsga@yahoo.com, or at ext. 4984.

Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Female Students - Nominate Your Mentor:** Nominate your personal mentor, a male or female member of the Mansfield University community, by telling us how this person has made a difference in your life. If your nomination is selected, you will be invited to a reception with your personal mentor on Wednesday, March 30.

The nomination form and instructions are online at www.mansfield.edu/%7Ewomens/mentor.doc.

Contact Amber Johnson for more information at acjohnso@mnsfld.edu.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group through the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students for differences of opinion. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held Tuesdays in 301 AHUB from 6-7:30p.m. starting Feb. 8. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at ext. 5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. Everyone is welcome. Pizza and soda will be served. For more information, contact Courtney at ext. 4431.

★ **Thursdays In Black: Demanding a World without violence!** This is a new program being started this semester. People are encouraged to wear black on Thursdays in honor of those who are victims of violence each day. There will be a student rally at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 in South Hall Mall.

★ **Come enjoy the cuisine of "Men Who Can Cook!"** at 7 p.m.- 10 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 in North Dining Hall. Have some fantastic food and great company!

The Greek Letter: The Star System

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By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

One of the most important things about Greek Life at Mansfield University is the way that all of the organizations work together. Over the past five years, this kind of unity has been important to the Greek system. The impact of all groups working together can most clearly be seen with the introduction of the Star System.

The Star System was created in 2001 by Jody Hare, Director of Student Leadership, who has been the Director of Greek Affairs since the fall of 2000. The Star System is a program that runs through each academic semester. The system ranks Greek organizations by the star level that they achieve by earning points in various categories. These categories are Greek Affairs Reports, Community Service, Recruitment, Meeting Attendance, Charitable Donation, and Campus Events. By completing the requirements for each category, organizations earn points. Their star system

ranking depends on the number of points they earn. The highest rank an organization can receive is 5-star. The lowest is 1-star. High ranking organizations can receive rewards for their achievements. Low-ranking organizations may be penalized for consistent semesters of below average success. These awards are displayed on the third floor of Alumni Hall.

Although the Star-System was created by Hare, it is now overseen by a committee of undergraduate students and others who have contributed to Greek Life at Mansfield University. Order of Omega is an honorary society for Greek students. Nominations for initiation are extended to students who have achieved junior class status and who also have excelled in academics, leadership, and contributions to the Greek community. Initiation is held once a semester. All members have a role in directing the Greek system.

At the end of each semester, awards are given out for individual and organization achievement based on Star System Rankings. The Fall 2004 Semester organization awards are as follows:

- ★Charitable Donations – Zeta Tau Alpha
- ★Academics – Delta Zeta
- ★Community Service – Zeta Tau Alpha
- ★Most Overall Star System Points – Delta Zeta

Individual achievements were awarded to:

- ★Highest GPA among Active Fraternity Men – Garth Babcock, Phi Mu Delta
- ★Highest GPA among Active Sorority Women – Lauren West, Delta Zeta
- ★Highest GPA among All New Members – Heather Oman, Alpha Sigma Tau

Mansfield honors students spending five weeks in France this summer

By KATHERINE KOUNOVSKY

Special to the Flashlight

Every year, students in the Honors program are given the opportunity to study abroad for five weeks during the summer, with travel, room, and board expenses paid. This summer, the destination is France.

Last week, it was decided that Sarah, Whited and Kristen Weller will be the participants. Should either of these girls not be able to participate for any reason, their spot will be taken by the alternate, Lydia Johnson.

The Summer Honors Program is an opportunity for Honors students at each of the 14 state schools in Pennsylvania. This program began in the late 1980s in Mansfield University. Larry Biddison was in charge has since then grown to include all state schools. The first program was in Canada. It has expanded over the years to countries such as Austria, Scotland, Costa Rica, Russia, and this year, France.

"This is a dream come true for me; one that I didn't think I'd get to do in my college years," Whited said. "I'm grateful to the Honors Council for selecting me as one of Mansfield's representatives."

Every year, a host school is chosen and two students from each state school are sent there for a week. This year, Clarion University was chosen. It is here that the students will take classes for a week

about the history, art, literature, music, and language of France. After their week in Clarion, the students will depart for France.

Once they arrive, the students are given rigorous schedules to follow including classes and trips to famous museums. This summer, La Tour Eiffel, Cathedral de Notre-Dame and Chateau de Versailles will be among the many that the students will visit. They will be guided by chaperones and the trip lasts five weeks.

"This experience will affect me in a variety of ways," Whited said. "The trip centers around the Arts in France and I am a music major, this trip will enhance my curriculum and my understanding of music, specifically music with French origins."

Director of the Honors program Dr. Sharon Carrish said that "the recipients of this year's study abroad program had impressive resumes and presented good reasons for wanting to participate. It was a tough decision."

After students submitted academic resumes and a letter explaining why they are most qualified, the students are given 15 minutes with the Honors Counsel. The Counsel are professors Dr. Andrew Longoria, Dr. John Ulrich, and Dr. Adrienne McEvoy. They Counselors review the applications and choose two students.

What in the world

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight News Co-Editor

CHARLESTON, S.C.- Christopher Pittman, 15, who is being charged with two counts of murder after the November 2001 slaying of his grandparents while they slept, has alleged that the drug Zoloft led him to kill. Pittman was put on Zoloft three weeks before the brutal killing after he had threatened suicide. His dosage was doubled only two days before. Prosecutors contend that Pittman was upset over being disciplined because of a fight on the school bus, that is why he shot Joe and Joy Pittman with a pump action shot gun, set the house on fire and drove away in the family's car.

GLENDALE, Ca.- Russell Christoff was awarded \$15.6 million after a legal dispute with Nestle USA for using his photo on their Taster's Choice coffee without his permission. Christoff, a former model was shopping for bloody mary mix when he stumbled across his picture on a coffee jar in 2002. Last week a judge ordered Nestle

USA to pay the \$15.6 million for using Christoff's likeness without permission and profiting from it. Attorney, Lawrence Heller, representing Nestle USA, says the company will appeal the verdict.



WASHINGTON, D.C.- President Bush will propose a bill to Congress that is to be a part of the 2006 budget proposal in order to help families of United States troops killed in Iraq, Afghanistan and war zones of the future. The plan will be retroactive and would apply to the families of the 1,500 soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan since October 2001. What used to be a \$12, 420 "death gratuity" would grow to

\$100,00 and the government would then also pay for \$150,000 life insurance. Even if a soldier did not participate in the life insurance program, the spouse would still receive \$150,000 if the death happened in a combat zone.

KEMPTEN, GERMANY- German authorities have found evidence that a nurse, currently in their custody for admitting he had killed 16 elderly people in a nursing home, may be responsible for the deaths of 13 others. Lead prosecutor Herbert Pollert believes that after autopsying 42 former patients from Sonthofen, Bavaria his team has collected enough evidence to charge the unidentified nurse. The murders took place between March 2003 and July 2004 by lethal injection. The man, currently in jail is facing six counts of murder, 22 counts of manslaughter and one case of assisted suicide.

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Tsunami Relief: Is the U.S. ignoring a domestic crisis by supporting a foreign one?

By NIJA SMITH

Special to the Flashlight

Though the millions of dollars donated for the tsunami relief were presented as a selfless effort on the part of America if one was to take a closer look, suspicions may be aroused for political satisfaction.

To attempt to conjure up the devastations suffered by a single family affected by the tsunami is nearly impossible for an average American. But not all of us are average. Some fortunate citizens that are ranked above average in social standing make over \$10 million a year thanks to high-paying talents in entertainments, sports, or business. These Americans are not only allowed the necessities but the unneeded luxuries life has to offer.

The below average portion of our population strives for three meals a day, shelter over their heads, and clothes on their backs. Hundreds of thousands of Americans live in poverty with few opportunities to change their social situation.

With that in mind, take into consideration how America has \$350 million to donate to the countries affected by the tsunami, with billions to spend on entertainment, and plenty more to play around with on the miscellaneous whatever. Did the turbulent waves somehow rush millions of dollars into American government's bank accounts so we can afford to

BY SIGNE WILKINSON FOR THE PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS



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Critics of the tsunami relief effort feel funding could be used in other parts of the world as well.

help our neighbors before we can help ourselves? How united are we? Even if we brought all of our lower classes into a financially secure status, solved all of our internal financial issues, and then decided to give a helping hand to a nation in need, who do we help?

Yes, the American government has been sticking its nose into the

business of the Middle East for quite some time now, which is helpful or inappropriate depending on whom one is speaking with. However, America has been informed of the wars, genocides, outstanding poverty rates, AIDS crisis, and the ever growing list of major tragedies in in African and African descended countries. The

American government has listed its priorities by its actions, apparently not including the darker nations.

Our lower class citizens are suffering daily. Yes, the tsunami was a horrendous devastation, with an after math that cannot be imagined. But can we consider the disaster in existence before the tsunami hit, at home and away?

U.S. Poverty: The Facts

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In the spirit of Valentine's Day, *The Flashlight* presents the story Oh, the Joys of Yesteryear

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

George Wheaton opened his eyes to a clear blue sky. Unaware of how he got there, George slowly felt the grass around him, looking for his cane. It wasn't there. The last thing the 83-year-old remembered was leaving the grocery store with his daughter.

He sat up slowly, favoring his hip. After four hip surgeries, one learned to take extra care in even the simplest activities of life. George's eyes grew wide as he looked around him.

The pain was gone

George brought himself to his feet and brushed his pants off. That's when he noticed his hands. Something was different about them. The wrinkles were gone. George was in a park.

A band concert was warming up only a few yards from where he stood. Music was playing, but George couldn't tell where it was coming from. He couldn't shake that old, familiar feeling that he'd been here before.

Then he saw her. He couldn't believe his eyes. It was his wife. He hadn't seen his wife since she died in her sleep 15 years ago. She looked younger though, much the way she did when they first met.

"Hi. Do you sleep here often?" Betty chuckled.

George was speechless. He closed his eyes and pinched himself, certain he must be dreaming. With his eyes closed, he heard the voice of his wife as it had been before her death. The voice said, "It's not a dream, George. You've been given a second chance. You always wanted to live your life again. You said you loved me so much you wouldn't change a thing. Don't question this. Take advantage of doing everything you did before."

George opened his eyes. The scene had changed. Still standing, George was gazing at the stars in the night sky. Judging by the warm breeze, he guessed this was spring.

Betty was lying on a blanket to his left, grinning at him and motioning for him to join her on the blanket. George remembered

this moment. This was he and Betty's first unofficial "date." Her long brown hair flowed with the breeze, as did her long blue dress. They were seventeen, and he knew they were already in love. Taking advantage of his second chance, George lost himself in the moment. He smiled and lay down next to Betty.

"George?" Betty said.

"Yeah?"

"How is it a guy as romantic as yourself isn't taken by a girl that's better than me?"

"Simple," George smiled. "No gal in this whole world can top you. I've never met anyone so sweet in all my life."

"Seventeen years?"

Ignoring her sarcasm, George continued. "There's something different about you, Betty. Maybe it's the way your smile takes me away. All I know is I feel complete when I'm around you."

"Look at those stars. Aren't they beautiful?"

George put his arm around

"With his eyes closed, he heard the voice of his wife as it had been before her death. The voice said, 'It's not a dream, George. You've been given a second chance.'"

Betty and gazed into her hazel eyes. Her smile was as wonderful as he remembered. A tear came to his eye, but he quickly wiped it away. "Do you want me to tell you about those stars?" he asked.

"You don't know anything about stars. I'm the one who helped you pass that astronomy test. Don't try to be romantic when I'm already yours," Betty whispered.

George rubbed her arm as Betty rested her head on his shoulder. "We should do this again sometime. As often as we can," George said.

"One day at a time. Tonight's not over yet. Just hold me, Georgie."

George wrapped his arms around her and closed his eyes. He felt the soft grass beneath him give way and, before he knew it, he was standing on a wooden floor. He realized he was wearing a coat and gloves.

He could see snow falling

through the window just in front of him. He suddenly realized what must be happening: he was being allowed to relive his favorite parts of life. He knew where he was and what year it was. He searched through his pockets until he found the reason he'd brought Betty here 50 years ago.

His right hand found the box. The ring was inside. This was the night he proposed to her in front of the fire. Of all the memories old age had begun to rob from him, this remained as clear as the day George and Betty were married.

"What are you looking for?" Betty called from the main room of the cabin.

George told Betty to stay where she was and not to sit down. He got down on one knee and opened the box. "Betty Silverman, I've grown

just this one, would never have to end. Maybe he could live his life over and over again, never worrying about losing Betty.

The room went black

The floor gave way to sand and water. In front of him stood the



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"Oh, the Joys of Yesteryear" is an original fictional story by Travis Corter.

asked. "That I'm going to die? How could she possibly understand?"

"In time, she'll see it's better that your pain is gone."

"I'm sorry, darling, but my hip is killing me right now," George said.

"It's amazing, Georgie," Betty said. Her gray hair grew longer, turning a light shade of brown. Her back straightened and the wrinkles on her face melted away. To George, she looked like a goddess. "There's no pain where I am, no worries. There's just joy. Everybody laughs, and everybody loves. You've lived your life, George. It was long and it was full." Betty extended a hand to George. "Take my hand and we'll never again part. We'll be together forever, Georgie."

"Oh, how I've missed you, my dear," George said.

The sky blazed white and a warmth spread through George's body. The pain was disappearing. His hair grew dark as the cane fell, yet George remained standing. The wrinkles vanished.

He was young again

"Take my hand," Betty whispered.

George took Betty's hand, and the two walked toward the white waves lapping against the shore.

A moment later, they disappeared into the sky.

There is no moral to this story. It's just your opportunity to stop, think outside of the box and take a look at the other side of the road.

quite certain that I can't possibly live without you," he said. "Will you do me the honor of calling yourself my wife?"

Betty's eyes grew wide, tears streaming down her face. "I love you so much, George Wheaton. Of course I'll marry you!" She and George embraced, and when George closed his eyes, the world shifted.

He was sitting across the table from Betty at their favorite restaurant. A lit candle sat in the middle of the table.

Their Silver Anniversary

George took his wife's hand and kissed her gently. "Betty, you look even prettier than the day I first laid eyes on you."

Betty lifted her glass of wine. "Here's to twenty-five more years of bliss," she said. Her diamond earrings sparkled, her sequin gown captivating as George gazed into her eyes and wished this moment,

beach; to his left was the ocean. He had seen this place only once in his life. It was the site of his and Betty's last wedding anniversary before her death.

In the distance stood a feeble old woman.

The pain returned to George with such ferocity he felt as if he might fall to the sand. In an instant, his cane was in his hand.

The woman was walking toward him, smiling. When she smiled, George forgot about his pain. Tears filled George's eyes at the sight of his wife, who looked the same as she had that fateful day 15 years ago. "Hello, Georgie," she said.

"Is this it? Betty, am I...am I dead?"

"You've been in a coma for three days, sweetie. Our daughter is sitting at your bedside as we speak, but she understands."

"Understands what?" George

Rental Review:

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

By ERIC MOWERY

Flashlight Writer

Going to school in a town like Mansfield can sometimes hurt you in terms of going to see a movie. If you have no transportation, then you pretty much rely on walking downtown to get a movie. Pick your poison when it comes from whom you want to rent from, but let me help you in what you choose.

Now I can hear all of you asking, "What if we don't agree on the same choice of movies?" That is a legitimate query, and I may have to question your sanity, but you are correct. Not all of you will like the movies that I like. For the rest of you, I'll review movies I do not like as well. With that said, let's get on with the show.

Chuck Barris was a powerful entertainment force back in the 1970s. You may not be familiar with the name but most of you will know him for the shows that he created. Barris is responsible for "The Dating Game", "The Newlywed Game" and he even hosted his own brainchild, "The Gong Show". Most of these shows ran up until the early 1980s and a couple of the shows were revamped for a 1990s audience.

This movie is about Barris' rise to the top as well as his tragic fall from grace. So why would you want to watch a movie about some down and out game show host that you may not have even heard of? Well friends, in addition to a successful career as a game show

creator, Barris was also a spy for the CIA.

Based on the "Unauthorized Autobiography" that Barris wrote the movie chronicles the double life that Barris (played by Sam Rockwell) lead while keeping his live-in girlfriend (Drew Barrymore) and almost everyone he worked with completely unaware. Interviews of people that actually knew and worked with Barris are woven into the movie and the DVD extras features, including an interview with Chuck Barris himself.

Sam Rockwell (*Green Mile*) was virtually unknown to me before I watched this movie, but his performance in this movie is well worth the rental. His portrayal of Barris is brilliant and he keeps it so cool sometimes it's hard to tell that he is even acting.

George Clooney, who also stars in the movie, directed *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*, and his directorial debut is perfect. All around, this great movie features an excellent cast, a great script and perfect direction. Since it is about a year old, you can snag it for a good price as well.

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind also stars Julia Roberts, Rutger Hauer and Norman Roy. Its running time is 113 minutes and it's rated "R". I highly recommend this movie if you are a fan of good dramas or good movies in general. If not, then I am sure you will be able to find something with Freddie Prinze Jr. in it. Until next time, enjoy.



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If you are in the mood for a drama, *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* might be for you.

Indie Rock 101 - a genre tutorial

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH

Flashlight Writer

There are so many genres and different types of sub genre these days, whether it is hop hip, hard rock, oldies, thrash metal, pop music, punk rock, classic rock or even foreign and world music. There is one area of music, however, that is not so finite-Indie Rock. Indie rock first came to be known as independent rock but now it seems to describe music that comes from the underground. It is not quite pop or emo; and it is not quite punk rock. One can describe many genres, but indie can not always be defined.

Anyone can tell you that punk started with the Sex Pistols or the Ramones and that hip hop came from the streets of the five boroughs of New York City. But where did indie come from and when did it start? What even influenced this type of music? Who knows? All some know is that indie rock is selling albums and getting hot record contracts.

But indie's origins are rather obscure. In fact, indie rock branched off from punk rock. Punk rock has a lot of kins: screamo, thrash, grind, metalcore. There is one reason it is hard to explain or to know the time it was introduced. Some these days call it punk still, and the punks often call it emo, which is short for emotional rock. Indie rock often has lots of emotion, but it does not have the heavy beats or fast paced screams.

Some may say that indie first started in the late 1990s after punk seemed to go through a dry spell. Some may even say that it was popularized by bands such as Dashboard Confessional. Indie rock definitely hit a new turn when indie legend, Connor Oberst of Bright Eyes, changed the face of independent music.

Rockers Modest Mouse, have also helped shape the indie rock genre today. They are an example of an indie band that has helped popularize the music.

Some may be technical enough and even say a 1960s band called the Velvet Underground really started the indie rock genre. Radiohead (who combined alternative rock and a underground new

wave sound) helped in the time before it got poppy and was a band who many looked to for influence.

Because it has so many fronts, one could consider a lot of bands to be indie. The stream of folk-pop rock seems to mixing in as well.

Indie differs from sound to sound. It is more so the label that describes the band. There are several indie record labels. The three most popular are Saddle Creek, Polyvinal, and Matador. Although indie labels are not corporate, some bands that are indie have become popular and now have contracts with larger labels.

Five years ago, who knew indie would be so popular. Indie is now incorporated in many new teen drama television shows and is often seen on MTV. Indie has now gone passed the underground. Indie no longer means high school and college kids with buttons on zipper-up hoodies, tight jeans, and thick-framed glasses. Indie is heard all over col-

lege stations in America.

Students at Mansfield University have embraced indie-rock. Kelly Ann Murray, junior, listens to this genre. "I like indie rock because it tends to take on a less fabricated sound," Murray said. "Because artists aren't trying to appease a label, they are free to be more creative in their music."

Michael Whittemore, a first year graduate student, is also a fan. "The uniqueness is what I like," Whittemore said. "No two bands are alike. It's original music. Everyone can find something. The bands and those who listen can really connect."

Students acknowledge how indie rock is different than most other bands and genres.

To learn more on indie bands, labels, check out tours, and/or the genre, check out these label sites: www.polyvinylrecords.com, www.saddlecreek.com, www.matadorrecords.com, www.subpoprecords.com.

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The sweetest gifts for your sweetie

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

♥ Sick of giving the traditional roses and candy on Valentine's Day? Take this advice and shoot Cupid's arrow through the perfect gift.

FOR HER

A teddy bear is on every girl's A-list. Check out the Valentine collection from Boyd's Bears or check Hallmark for their special collection of teddy bears. Pick up the faux fur teddy bear from Hallmark which even has a pocket to hold small gifts.

Add a touch of romance to her day with the message-in-a-bottle kit from Hallmark for \$9.95. Open the bottle, write a love letter to your sweetheart, and pour out the perfect gift. Hide it somewhere and make her search for it.

For the techie in her, check out the collection of colored iPod Mini's from Apple starting at \$249. You can even customize the iPod with a laser-engraved personal message. Add an extra touch of the Valentine spirit and get her one in pink.

Save yourself the drive and pick her up a pair of personalized slippers that bear her initial at Wal-Mart for \$14.99. Go the extra mile and pick up a pair of matching pajamas that will take her into the spring season.

Head to the mall and pick out a perfume from a department store or Victoria's Secret. Love Spell is popular scent from Victoria's Secret, or take a whiff of Miracle from Lancome at the cosmetics counter at Kaufmann's.

Love is written in the stars. Visit the National Star Registry at www.starregistry.com to name a star after your sweetie. With your purchase, you

receive a parchment certificate, a map that locates your star, and a booklet on astronomy. Star Registry packages range from \$54-139, plus shipping and handling.

Still not satisfied? Check out the Things Remembered store at the Arnot Mall for great engraved picture frames and other gifts she is sure to love.

When buying her card, be sure to match the card to her personality. If she's a romantic, make it sappy. If not, get her a fun card that will make her laugh. Go the extra mile and give her a homemade card with an extra-sweet message.

FOR HIM

For the sensitive man, look around for fun stuffed animals that have a personal message. Make it even more personal by building them a 'bear at the Build-a-Bear workshop and recording your own personal message to put inside. But hey, those stuffed gorillas that sing Elvis classics never go out of style.

If you're not low on dollars, he is sure to love an MP3 player to carry around campus. Check out www.hsn.com for a combo MP3 player, radio, and 128 MB USB drive for \$51.97.

Pick out a scent that you love but he will not make the commitment to buy. It is a win-win situation. Clinique Happy for men is an excellent choice, but if you are low on cash, check out the collection of colognes at Wal-Mart or CVS.

Purchase a nice dress or casual watch that fits his personality. You can find quality designer watches at select jewelry and department stores, but check out the Armitron collection at Wal-Mart for a great

look under \$40.

If your man is jewelry-inspired, hit JCPenney or Wal-Mart and pick up a nice men's bracelet or diamond ring. Some rings at JCPenney may be a little pricey, but they have a great selection of other rings and men's jewelry for under \$100. Or, get on www.jcpenny.com, and design his ring and get free shipping.

Pick out a CD you know he wants and pop it in on your way to dinner. Or pick out a DVD he's been wanting to see and make it an after-dinner date on the couch.

When buying his card, pick a card that will make him laugh, but still gives him the Valentine vibe. Match the card to his personality. It may take some time, but work at it.

FOR A FRIEND

For her, check out the new collection from Tutti Dolci at Bath and Body Works. They are famous for making yummy lotions and body washes in angel food cake and chocolate fondue scents. These are sure to make her Valentine's Day real sweet.

For him, pick out a nice leather wallet or a grooming kit from a department store. Giving these types of gifts to him can never fail.

The color yellow stands for friendship. Surprise him/her with a dozen yellow roses on V-Day. Check www.ftd.com for some great bouquets, or if you're on a budget, check the local floral store. If flowers aren't his/her cup of tea, find another yellow-inspired gift.

Buy him/her a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Take a trip and sit and talk over coffee and



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Flowers are fine, but this year try something new and creative.

some cool books or magazines!

When buying your friend a card, be sure to get a card that will make him/her laugh. Valentine's Day is not just a day for couples and romance, it's about telling everyone we love just how much we really care.

GIFTS ON A BUDGET

Is your wallet looking a little thinner these days? Try these tricks and surprise your Valentine with a homemade gift.

Make him/her a homemade card with a cheesy saying like "It's no yolk, Valentine!" Then on the inside, promise him/her a homemade breakfast.

Buy a cheap journal at Wal-

Mart or Barnes and Noble and write a bunch of famous love quotes inside. Next year, you can add more to the book.

Baked goods are the key to anyone's heart. Do an online search and find a neat recipe you'd like to try, then feed it to your sweetie.

Write your valentine a sweet song or poem. Not artistic enough? Find the lyrics to his/her favorite song and read the lyrics like you mean them.

Make up a scrapbook of his/her favorite photos. Write little messages in the margins about what the photos mean to you.



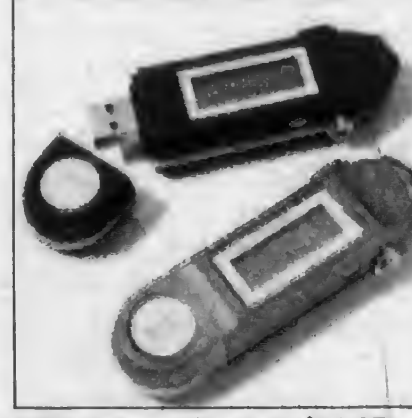
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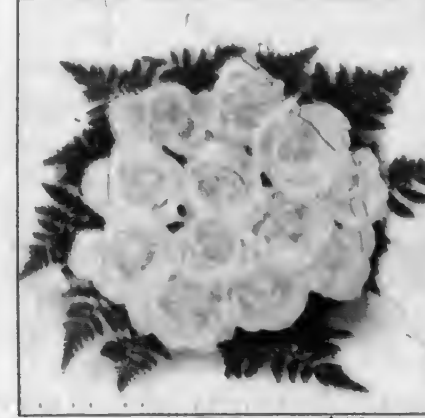
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Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By **MICHAEL PETERS**
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Last Monday, I, along with three members of WNTF-FM stood in front of Student Government Association (SGA) to seek their permission for the radio station to move its facilities in to the Alumni Hall Union Building.

The four of us compressed and presented months of hard work to the members of SGA.

Organizations can only be as strong as the internal support in which they receive

Regardless of the outcome of the presentation, I was extremely proud of the members directly involved in the presentation for all of the intense and tedious work they put forth for the betterment of WNTF-FM.

However, I was much more proud of the support the four presenters received on behalf of students involved within the organization. Approximately 25 station

members were in attendance during the hour-long SGA meeting, silently cheering along their fellow members as we did our best to provide the future staff of WNTF-FM permanent and positive dwelling.

Giving a speech or presentation of such magnitude is an incredibly stressful and nerve-wrecking experience. However, seeing both friendly and familiar faces in a sea of people and knowing that you

have their backing is such a powerful feeling.

Speaking on behalf of organization leaders at Mansfield University, I encourage members of all student organizations to take an active role within your respective group. Show your support. It means the world to those who care enough to take a leadership role. The more support offered, often means the more progress made.

Letter to the Editor: A lack of black leadership

Where are you gentlemen? When I turn on the television I see men of color in power, or instance Colin Powell, Senator Barack Obama and NAACP Chair Dr. Julian Bond who graced us with his presence last semester has recently been on television speaking about Affirmative Action. But where is this representation on Mansfield university's campus. So far there is one black male in the Honors program. There is little to no representation of black males in any leadership positions on campus and for the second year in a row Mansfield University Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program selected a female. This non-selection of a male candidate is not (well at least that I'm aware of) on purpose, it doesn't seem to be any male interest or qualification. According to the editor and chief of this newspaper there NO black writers on the flashlight male or female. How could that be possible, history tells us of many great African American writers, such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes and James Baldwin and little know writers such as J.A Rogers. And now my young brothers and sisters run from the threat of a W course and they run even further from the thought of leadership. I'm not saying black men don't participate on campus at all, we have the largest African American participation in Phi Beta

Lambda than I have ever seen. Phi Beta Lambda has the rare convenience of having an African American male on its executive board.

I'm not a women hater or a black women hater. I think of myself as a feminist, but I think in the midsts of getting women to participate we left the men behind. Last year, alumni of Mansfield University invited me and my fellow board members of the Black Students Union to a discussion on bridging the gap between alumni and students. What surprised me the most wasn't the fact that successful alumni wanted to help out students, it was the fact that all these alumni were black men. These men, black men were leaders on this campus. In our midst was the former Student Government President, a board member of COF and even a member of the saddle club. Where did these attitudes go? Did they get lost on the ride between here and home or the years of change. But a campus dominated by black men isn't healthy either, domination is never healthy. We need to reach an equilibrium, we need to come up with creative and innovative ways to motivate our young people again, the potential is there, we need to realize it. The task is a lot easier said than done.

In my attempts to motivate I've been called a corn ball, nerdy and a couple of other adjectives that aren't

appropriate for this article. Therefore I decided to lead by example, I joined groups, wrote articles and read as many books as I could. You may see me on campus sometimes quoting Las Casas' accounts of Columbus and his encounters with the people of Haiti "New World". This is my last semester on campus and unfortunately I can't take part in any future campus plans. Let what I have written be a challenge. I urge you to be persistent, be heard and get involved. We are the future leaders of the world. "If you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything"-Unknown

Na'eem Douglas
Student
Future leader of the world,
Who will join me?

Letter to the Editor: Parking woes

I got a ticket from the campus police for not parking in front of the white lines in front of Kelchner, where the white lines are barely visible at best. When I went to appeal it, I got a call later that day saying it was denied for not parking in the white lines. I think it would be of better interest instead of finding a way to fill their pockets, put the white lines there so college kids who don't have a lot of money won't get cheated out of money.

Thanks,
Anonymous

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Commentary: Last minute puddle of liberal consciousness

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

Hey everybody. It is 11:56 p.m. on Monday and I have to leave for Buffalo tomorrow at 7 a.m. Unfortunately, I completely forgot that I had a column due this week, and since I will not be able to do it tomorrow morning while I am on the road (as much as I would like to dictate over the phone to the editorial staff), I am sitting down to write it at this very moment. So here you go, people who do not read my article, I give you me: uncensored, unplanned and without a topic. Okay, I am censored, because as much as I would like to say "Condoleezza Rice is my hot conservative fantasy and Ann Coulter is my angry conservative fantasy," I probably should not. Needless to say, I did just say that, and should add that nothing would make me happier than putting a liberal smile on Ms.

Coulter's face.

Ok. It is been four minutes since I wrote that last paragraph, and here is what I could come up with from look at CNN.com. My main thought of the week is that I fear the Iraqi elections have some possibility of being a sham. As blasphemous as I realize this may sound, sometimes I have doubts that Iraq is going to be the wingspan of American democracy in the middle-east.

Now, keep mind that this is simply me talking out of an unmentionable place on my body, but I am confused by the notion that Iraqi ex-patriots who live in the outskirts of Detroit were allowed to vote in an election that affects a country where they no longer live in ways that they cannot conceive of. I am somewhat unaware as to how elections work in these sorts of situations where one country invades another in the name of

a completely mistaken cause and then holds elections to determine who will be seated in the puppet government of what has become a satellite nation for a foreign power.

The reason I find it unsettling that ex-patriots were allowed to vote in the Iraqi election is that it seems to me that it allows the unique opportunity for governmental ballot stuffing. Meaning, if the Iraq people who currently live in Iraq vote for a candidate that was not necessarily the one that was desired by the American government, it seems feasible that the American government could report the vote results falsely such that it influences the Iraqi election in a direction that is favorable. Wait a minute, election fraud? Disenfranchised voters? I may be wrong. It might turn out that Iraq is the next wingspan of American democracy after all.

Sweet, it has only been 21 minutes and I already have 458 words. I am going to have this thing cranked out faster than you can say "Where are the weapons of mass destruction?"

The other problem I have is that many of the talking heads on television tonight were calling this election a "victory" over the insurgents that are fighting in Iraq. While it is undoubtedly good news that nobody got sniped while waiting in line to vote, I think the true test of victory over insurgent forces would be to actually implement a government that is respected or at the very least, able to force insurgents and other troublemakers into submission. A constitution would also be a nice step. The point is that this election could go either one of two ways. It could be like a student government election where the

newly elected officials carry the torch of doing nothing and imposing merciless requirements on organizations or it can actually be proactive. Needless to say, the true test of the election will be whether or not they accomplish anything.

The deadline for drafting a constitution is Aug. 15. If the new interim government is capable of doing this, I humbly suggest that the New York State Assembly, which has not completed a budget on time in roughly twenty years, should be sent to Guantanamo Bay or Abu Ghraib and replaced by these upstanding Iraqis.

Well, it is 12:34 a.m. and I have typed roughly 719 words of completely liberal, stream of consciousness propaganda.

I think in the vein true American mediocrity, I will run a spell-check and hit the hay. Goodnight everybody.

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Letter to the Editor: There should be no excuse for not doing a job well done

Dear Editor,

Over the course of my five semesters spent at Mansfield University I have grown to hate the phrase, "I'm sorry, I was just so busy!"

It seems to me that students here believe that it is acceptable to not turn assignments in on time, not show up to group meetings or appointments, and not do their fair share of work in general. I'm not sure where they got the idea that this kind of behavior is acceptable.

The thing that really gets me is that these students feel they can remedy the problem their irresponsibility has caused by uttering the statement, "well, I was just so busy." Hey guess what - I'm busy too. We all are. Don't take on a responsibility if you think you can't handle it.

It's true that by not turning in assignments or not showing up to class you are only hurting yourself. But by missing appointments, not completing tasks you volunteered for, or not doing a job properly, you are hurting others. Because you were "too busy" to do your part, you have just made someone else "too busy" to do theirs. It's a good thing they'll probably find time to fix the mess anyway, isn't it?

Kelly Ann Murray

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Letter to the Editor:

There is a difference between diversity and race

Dear Editor,

It worries me to no end that diversity has become synonymous with race. Race is the first thing we see when we look at each other. It seems to me that we cannot get past it and see people for who they really are. What is even more unsettling to me is that here at Mansfield University this has become the mindset of our community. Whenever there is a perceived injustice, it is almost always chalked up to being a race based issue. In reality it could be that the people involved messed up. At present race always plays a role and that frustrates me.

Please understand that I am in no way casting blame on anyone in particular but rather on us all, myself included. I am reminded of a song from the Broadway Musical Avenue Q called "Everyone's a little bit racist." These lyrics shed light on the fact that we are all a little racist in our actions. Think about it, we as a campus find

ourselves focused on trying to find out who is being racist towards us, and in doing so aren't we being racists ourselves?

*"Everyone's a little bit racist
Sometimes.*

*Doesn't mean we go
Around committing hate
crimes.*

*Look around and you will find
No one's really color blind.*

*Maybe it's a fact
We all should face
Everyone makes judgments
Based on race."*

I am not saying that we should all pretend that race doesn't exist, because it does. In my opinion, race has been stripped down to the amount of pigment you have in your skin. Because of the emphasis our society has put on the color of your skin, the idea of race has become just that. You may have a very dark complexion and your neighbor maybe very light, or you maybe like me, and have no pigment at all. Because we

distinguish each other based on physical appearance, diversity has become interchangeable with race.

I'm sorry ladies and gentlemen; because I don't have pigment doesn't make me diverse. I am diverse because of where I grew up, because of my heritage, because of my taste in music, because of where I have traveled, because of what I like to eat, not because I am whiter then most caucasians. Why can't we look past race and see who we really are inside?

Imagine, that you are visually impaired, even blind, and you are unable to distinguish between black, white, and purple with green polka dots, but you still know who people are. You don't know them by their physical exterior but rather by the sound of their voice, the sound of their footsteps, or the smell of their perfume. You can not put a face to them until you have a conversation with them. Not a face in the traditional

way you may think of a face containing two eyes, a nose, a mouth and cheeks, but one that is a mosaic of all the things that make them different, that make them who they are. For instance, I have a friend who is a very talented string bassist, and when I hear his voice calling from a distance, the first thing that comes to mind is not, skinny white kid, but music notes. I can sometimes even hear the sound of the bass playing in my head. I don't see him as my white friend, but rather my friend who has this amazing talent. He is diverse to me because he loves to play music; I could care less if he was black, white, or spotted; he is my friend and that's all that matters.

Now, as I said before I myself am guilty of judging people based on race. I have judged people of another race, but I do not believe that race is the only thing that contributes to my judgment of them. Race has been a factor, a way to describe an individual

but nothing more. This is why, though I am visually impaired, I can not claim to be color blind, because if I have used race as a descriptor then I know that it exists; I know that it separates people. No one is truly color blind because no matter what there is always going to be someone there to point out that someone is black or white. I don't know why we as a society care, and I know that I can't change social history or even the actions of others; I can only hope to leave them with something to think about. Diversity is more then just the color of one's skin; everyone is diverse and we need to celebrate the diversity of everyone, not just those who are easily distinguished.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

Elizabeth O'Dell

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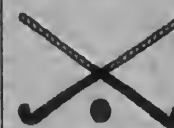


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The Philadelphia Eagles return to the 'Promise Land'

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

We have seen the Eagles in this situation before. It is the beginning of the fourth quarter, and they are in the lead. The Eagles' fans are going wild, waiting for the victory to head to the Super Bowl. However, something different happened this time; they did not blow the lead. For those who still do not believe, the Eagles are going to their first Super Bowl since 1980, when they lost to the Raiders in Super Bowl XV.

The Philadelphia Eagles played like a team for the first time in their four year run in the National Football Conference Championship games. In addition, they did it without Terrell Owens, the man who was going to carry them into the promise land: the Super Bowl. Once T.O. went down, many people, including me, counted the Eagles out of it, ready to join the ranks of the Buffalo Bills, losers of four straight Super Bowls, as one of the biggest choke teams in National Football League history. So how did they do it? Was it McNabb? Maybe Westbrook, who everyone stated was going to be the big play maker for the team. What about Mitchell? Thankfully, he had a mediocre game and disappeared, so we did not have to listen to

another press conference of Mitchell praising himself (and wearing that horrible hat and bow tie). It was the defense of the Eagles and probably the most underrated coach in the NFL, Andy Reid.

The Eagles defense kept the Falcons offense off balance all day, keeping pressure on the passing and running game. They kept Vick quiet and forcing him to throw one interception and no touchdowns, and sacked him three times on the day. They kept the top rushing team in the NFL to only 103 yards on the ground. This defense did something that no other Eagles defense in the past four years has done: They kept the lead. They did not lose the fourth quarter lead as other defenses have done in the past three NFC Championship games. The addition of Jevon "The Freak" Kearsse on the defensive line and the return of Jeremiah Trotter to his All Pro status have made this defense the best it has been in a long time.

Then we have Andy Reid, just standing in the background with that intimidating glare that will send chills down any opponents spine. Many NFL experts criticized his coaching skills by sitting all his starters for the last three weeks of the regular season. Many said they would be flat and not know how to

play without Owens in the line up. When they took the field against the Vikings, they embarrassed them, showing everyone that Reid knew what he was doing. Then many people began to speculate if they could win the big one. Reid did what he did every week, kept quiet and let his coaching do the talking on the field. The Eagles defeated the Falcons this past weekend. With all the coaches in the NFL, no other



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McNabb is expected to play in the first Superbowl of his NFL career, regardless of the outcome McNabb will enjoy Campbell's Chunky soup.

coach has gone under the radar like Reid, and he could care less. As long as they keep winning, Reid will keep doing what he does.

The Eagles are about to enter unmarked territory, the Super Bowl. They have not been to the promise land since 1980. They have not won a NFL Championship since 1960, before there was even a Super Bowl. If you want to get even broader, the city of Philadelphia has not won a professional championship since 1983, when the 76ers won the National Basketball Association Championship. The closest the city of Philadelphia has come to a championship was Smarty Jones coming up a nose short of winning the Triple Crown. There are many questions around the Eagles entering the Superbowl, and one of them is can they handle the pressure. Yes, they are professionals and they are suppose to be ready for situations like this, but they are in a city with a history of not having a champion in a long time. The media will be surrounding them and questioning them if they are the team that will finally bring the City of Brotherly Love a championship after many years of waiting.

Who will suit for them? Owens, since breaking his leg, said if they

make it to the Super Bowl, he would play in the game. Well, here you go. The Eagles held up their end of the bargain, now will the doctors let Owens hold up his end? Although Owens has said his rehab has been going very well, will he be in game shape? Can he make the same amazing plays that he has made all season? This question will be tested early, if he does play, by the defense of the New England Patriots, arguably one of the best defenses in the NFL.

Who is the man that needs to step up and win it for them? You can say Terrell Owens or Donovan McNabb, but it is not. It is Brian Westbrook. He is a double threat when he is on the field, having the ability to run the ball, and to line up as a wide receiver out to spread the field. With Owens' health in question, Westbrook will be the man to watch in two weeks on Super Bowl Sunday.

This year, the Super Bowl will be two teams of different pasts. The Eagles have been the little train that could, saying, "I think I can, I think I can" for the past four years until they have reached the Super Bowl. Their opponents, the New England Patriots, have been riding a totally different path to make it to the Super Bowl.

The New England Patriots: A Dynasty in the Making

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

When we think of dynasties in the National Football League, we think of the Packers in the 1960s, the "Steel Curtain" in Pittsburgh during the 70s, the Joe Montana to Jerry Rice connection of the 49ers of the 80s, and the "Big D" of Dallas in the 90s. Now we are in the 2000s (we do not have an official name for the decade, so we will go with it). We once again have a team on the threshold of entering this exclusive club. They are the New England Patriots, who are going to their third Super Bowl in four years. This team has been able to keep a majority of their players below their salary cap, have no egos and just go out and play with



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Brady was drafted in the 18th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball draft as a catcher by the Montreal Expos.

a winning attitude every single week. Are the Patriots ready to enter this realm of immortality? If you ask

them, they will tell you that it does not matter, they have a game to play this week, then they might talk about it.

To break down this team, you must to its focal point: the quarterback. In the 1970s, you had Terry Bradshaw with the Steelers. The 1980s had Montana with the 49ers. In the 1990s, it was Troy Aikman with the Cowboys. Today, it is Tom Brady with the Patriots. If you look at the regular season, there is no comparison; Brady is not in their class. He only has a career passers rating of 87.4. When it comes to the post season, he is frequently compared to Montana with the elevation of his play in the big games. He is 8-0 as a starting quarterback in the post season. This post season alone, he has a passer rating of 108.9. In the Super Bowl, he is 2-0 with the third best completion percentage in

Superbowl history, 64 percent. In his two Super Bowl games, he has thrown for four touchdowns and only one interception. He threw three touchdowns and one interception in last year's Super Bowl. After looking at all of these amazing stats, you must think he has been around for a long time, but it is not true. He is only in his fourth season in the NFL. He does not compare himself to other great quarterbacks. He just goes out there and plays football. At this point, he might not be playing as one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history, but he is making strides towards it.

Aside from a quarterback to run the offense, they have not only a solid, but consistent defense. Before this season, the offense did enough to get the job done, but the defense put teams away with matching up to their opponents offense and mixing it up with some unique cover

packages. They are also lead by Rodney Harrison, who led the team this season with 129 tackles. He also had three sacks and two interceptions. Along with Harrison, there is the heart and soul of the defense, Tedy Bruschi, who had 120 tackles, three and a half sacks and three interceptions. He does something else that very few people notice. Every season, he has his contract adjusted so that the Patriots can keep many of the players so the team will be intact for the next season.

Bruschi is not there for the money, he is there to win and he has given back lots of money to ensure that this will continue for a long time. Even with injuries on this team, they rebound from them by having other people step up. Earlier this season, when playing Pittsburgh for the first time, Ty Law went down with an injury and has been out ever since.

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NFL Playoffs: Eagles' VICKtimize Falcons, and "Steel Curtain" comes down on Pittsburgh in Patriots win

By SHANE WILBER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Heading into championship Sunday of the National Football League playoffs there were many questions to be answered, such as: Could the Eagles finally make it to the Super Bowl? Would the Patriots be able to avenge the beating they took at the hands of the Steelers? Who of the final four teams would be left standing at the end of the day?

Starting off the day at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia the Falcons came in with a lot of momentum stemming from their victory last weekend over the Rams. Boasting the number one rushing offense in the NFL, and of course Michael Vick, the Falcons had good reason to feel confident going into this game. The Eagles on the other hand had many demons facing them as they had been in this particular game for the last three years and came up just short in all three games. Making it worse, the last two defeats took place in Philadelphia leaving the Eagles to wonder if they really had a home field advantage going into this weekend. Adding another factor, Mother Nature decided to get into the mix and drop the game time temperature to 21 degrees and put in an over 30 m.p.h. wind to make for interesting condi-

tions for both teams.

From the start of the game, the Philadelphia fans roared and the Philadelphia offense soared and never did the two stop. Donovan McNabb put away demons that haunted him in the past and finally put on the performance that everyone knew he could, completing 17 of his 26 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns, both to his tight end Chad Lewis, en route to the Eagles 27-10 victory. McNabb had all the answers and could do no wrong, whether it was with his legs or his arm. He was not going to be denied in the Eagles fourth try at making a Super Bowl appearance. Helping McNabb was fellow offensive threat, running back Brian Westbrook, who chipped in with 135 combined yards from both running and receiving. On defense, the Eagles stayed true to form as they kept after Vick all day with blitz schemes and pressure that confused the Falcon quarterback. Eagles Linebacker Jeremiah Trotter and Safety Brian Dawkins led the defense as Trotter chipped in with eight tackles and Dawkins had a forced fumble and an interception that set up an Eagles field goal attempt in the third quarter.

The Falcons had their bright moments at times, but just did not

have enough to beat the Eagles on this particular day. Michael Vick played hard and made as many plays as he could. However, he was no match for the Philadelphia defense. Vick completed 11 of 24 his passes for 133 yards and one interception. His favorite receiver, Alge Crumpler, was covered all day long leaving Vick to find other options and make him uncomfortable in the pocket. On the ground, running back Warrick Dunn chipped in with 62 yards of total offense including 58 on the ground and a Touchdown. Safety Brian Scott, led the defensive charge with seven tackles on the day.

Across the state of Pennsylvania, fans packed into Heinz Field to cheer on the hometown Pittsburgh Steelers against the defending American Football Conference and Super Bowl champion, New England Patriots. The Steelers were coming off a 20-17 Overtime victory over the New York Jets while the Patriots stunned the NFL Most valuable Player, Peyton Manning and co. to the tune of a 20-3 thrashing in Foxboro last weekend. The Patriots had revenge on their minds from Halloween as the Steelers tricked Tom Brady all game long and treated the Patriots to their first loss since week five of

last year's regular season.

The Patriots jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The Patriots stayed on top all game long increasing their lead to 21 at times. The Steelers were able to get within 11 points of the lead but were unable to get any closer as the Patriots offense answered all scores by the Steelers offense leading to a 41-27 victory and giving the Patriots their third AFC Championship in the last four years. With running back Corey Dillon and wide receiver Deion Branch back in the lineup (neither played in the previous match-up), Tom Brady was more calm and poised in the pocket completing 14 of 21 passes for 207 yards and two touchdowns. One of those touchdowns included a 60-yard strike to Deion Branch who finished with 116 yards receiving. Branch also scored on a rushing touchdown late in the fourth quarter that sealed the game for the Patriots. Corey Dillon rushed for 73 tough yards on 24 attempts including a 25-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. Defensively the Patriots were lead by Safety, Rodney Harrison, who totaled nine tackles and an 87-yard interception return for a touchdown before halftime.

The Steelers offense never got on track in the first half and their defense had no answers for the Patriots' offense as they were down 24-3 going into halftime. The second half proved to be different though as the Steelers, led by quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's touchdown passes to wide receivers, Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress, mounted a surge and came within 11 points of tying the Patriots. However, 11 points would be as close as they would get thanks to Roethlisberger's third interception of the day, thrown to Safety, Eugene Wilson, halting a fourth quarter drive by the Steelers. Helping the Steelers offensively were running back Jerome Bettis who finished with 64 rushing yards on 17 attempts and a touchdown and wide receiver Hines Ward who caught five passes for 109 yards and a touchdown.

The Patriots now head to Jacksonville where they will meet the National Football Conference Champion Philadelphia Eagles on Feb. 6. The Eagles are making their first trip to the Super Bowl since 1980, and looking to become the city's first champion since the 1983 Philadelphia 76ers. Meanwhile, the Patriots are looking for their third Super Bowl title in the last four years.

Swimmers fall to East Stroudsburg

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Despite multiple standout individual performances, the Mansfield University Mountaineer swim team swallowed a 145-107 defeat on the road by the hands of the Warriors of East Stroudsburg in Koehler Field House on Saturday afternoon in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference play.

The first event of the afternoon was the 200-yard medley relay. The East Stroudsburg relay team of Lindsay Resse, Corrine Harbold, Kim Jones and Jackie Muller captured the first victory of the day (1:57.53).

Sophomore Abbie Tipton took top honors in both the 100 (1:04.40) and the 200-yard backstrokes (2:18.24). She is not the only Mountaineer swimmer who stepped out of the swimming pool with two victories as freshman Stephanie Klegarth finished ahead of her competition in the 400-yard individual medley (5:14.90). She also came away victorious in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:13.20). Along with her first place finishes, Klegarth also took home second in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:37.67).

Klegarth and Tipton were not enough as East Stroudsburg swimmers Kelly Wright and Justine Grilz were double-winners. The pair combined for four victories including the top spots in 200 and 500-yard freestyle by Wright while Grilz took control of the leader board in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

The Warriors would tack on another three individual wins as they would put the Mountaineers away. Reese, Harbold and Julie Steele each contributed victories on the day for East Stroudsburg.

Andrea Popovic was the third individual winning swimmer on the Mansfield Squad. The junior freestyle specialist from Navi Sad, Yugoslavia finished first in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:38.91). She landed a second place finish in the 400-yard individual medley (5:22.30).

Popovic, Tipton combined efforts with junior, Diana Daniel and sophomore, Daniella Borrelli to collect the first place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:53.20).

The Mountaineer swimmers will compete at 1 p.m. on Saturday at East Stroudsburg University in the East Stroudsburg B-Invitational.

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The Patriots could have gone out and went for another cornerback or attempt to make a trade to bring one in, but they elected to stay in the organization. They turned to veteran wide receiver Troy Brown and asked him to step in and play cornerback. He agreed to it, even though it meant less time on the offensive end. He ended the regular season with 17 tackles and three interceptions. In an interview with ESPN, he said that it has been the most fun he has had in years playing football.

The final piece of this team is the coaching staff, led by head coach Bill Belichick, who has been a head coach in the NFL for 10 years, five of those years with the Patriots. When it comes to the post season, he has been one of the best in a long time, going 9-1 in post-season play, 1-1 in Cleveland as a head coach. Many consider Belichick the best "X's and O's" coach in the NFL today. He has the ability to look at any team, break them down

and figure out how their team can match up to them to defeat them. With the help of offensive coordinator and head coach of Notre Dame, Charlie Weiss and defensive coordinator and soon to be a new head coach in the NFL after the Super Bowl, Romeo Crennel, they have had the winning formula for the past four seasons.

To make this team even more dangerous, they have brought in Corey Dillon this season. He has had career highs in touchdowns, 12, and 1,635 rushing yards. He has begun to shake off the bad boy image that he had carried in Cincinnati the past few seasons before coming to New England. With a solid passing game and strong running game, consistent defense and a great coaching staff, New England has created the winning formula. Perhaps, after Sunday's game, we will be adding the Patriots to that long list of dynasties that graces the history of the NFL.

Lady Mountaineers bring down Bloomsburg Huskies: First time in nearly 20 seasons

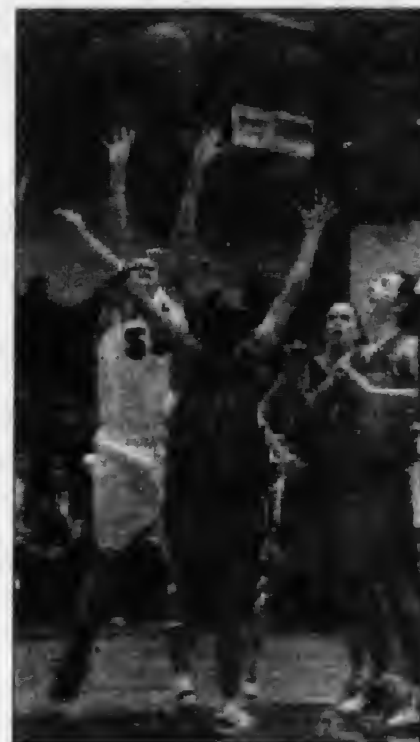
By MARCI LIPPERT
Special to The Flashlight

Jessica Uhrich recorded a double-double including a game high 18 points and Laura Scordino hit six free-throws over the final 1:27 to lead Mansfield University to a 72-65 win over Bloomsburg University in a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East contest at Decker Gymnasium Wednesday night.

The win broke a 37 games losing streak to Bloomsburg and snapped an eight game losing streak this season. Mansfield's last victory over Bloomsburg came by an 83-64 margin on Dec. 20, 1985.

"Obviously this was a big win for us," head coach Ruth Henderson said. "A streak like that becomes as much of a mental challenge as a physically one to overcome and tonight this team believed in themselves. They could have folded when Bloom rallied late in the game, but instead the whole team stepped up and refused to let this opportunity get away from them."

Mansfield trailed 6-0 to start the



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Tagliferri was named First Team All-PSAC East for the second year, last season.

game, but went on an 18-5 run to take an 18-11 lead with 9:48 to play in the first half on a three-pointer by Stephanie Rieser.

The Mountaineers extended that

lead to 31-19 at half, before going on a 15-4 run over the first four minutes of the second half to increase the lead to 46-23 on a three-pointer by Scordino.

Bloomsburg rallied to get back into the game, closing the gap to 57-53 with 3:27 to play. Mansfield would not let the win get away from them, hitting all nine free throws over the final 2:17 including a 6-6 performance by Scordino.

"Our free throw shooting down the stretch was huge," Henderson said. "We have been struggling of late but deep down all of our players thought they were better than we were play and they proved that tonight."

Uhrich added 13 rebounds, three assists, three blocked shots and two steals. Alison Tagliaferri scored 17 points while Scordino had 12 points and five assists. Stephanie Rieser added 10 points.

Dana Thompson and Meggi Rothermel topped four Bloomsburg players in double figures with 16 points each.

Mansfield University Track Team posts unyielding efforts in two competitions

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Indoor Track team split their efforts, posting solid efforts in two separate competitions over the past weekend.

The first competition was on Friday, Jan. 28 at the Penn State National Invitational at Penn State. Charity Learn qualified for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championship in the 5,000-meters. Learn finished in ninth place in a field of 25 runners, including 23 from Division I schools. Her time of 17:35.59 destroyed her previous personal record by 30 seconds and also broke the school record. Learn will be running in the Indoor Championship from March 11-13 in Boston, Ma.

Chris Cummings set a school record of his own in the 5,000-meter race. In a field featuring 34 runners, including 32 Division I runners, Cummings placed 18th with a time of 14:56.92. The time broke the previous school record, set by Cummings last year, by over 15 seconds.

In the team's other action of the weekend, Rachel Hall led the Mountaineers with a first place finish in the 1,000 meter race at the Bucknell Bison Open.

Hall, who struggled through injury problems throughout the fall Cross Country season, completed the race with a time of 3:08.71. The time came up just over a second short of breaking Hall's own school record in the race.

Joe Trapani and Ben Israel both achieved All-American status in the USATF Indoor National 3,000-meter race walk championship with top six finishes. Trapani placed third, posting a time of 13:38.26 while Israel finished sixth with a recorded time of 15:48.68.

Katrina Brumfield placed second in the high jump, with a leap of 1.60 meters. Three athletes qualified for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Indoor Championship. Amanda Fedish qualified in the 200-meters with a third place finish, completing the distance in a time of 27.50. Nicole Dann's 2:27.91 time in the 800 meters was good enough to qualify. Katie Heil qualified with a personal best shot put throw of 35'3".

Mansfield returns to the track when they compete at 5 p.m. on Fri. and Sat., Feb. 4-5 at The New Balance Invitational in the New York Armory.



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Mountaineers slam Huskies and Golden Bears

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team put together a perfect week on the strength of a home victory and a thriller on the road. The Mountaineer defeated Bloomsburg 104-65 on Jan. 26 at Decker Gym and then pulled out a 76-75 victory at Kutztown on Jan. 29.

Mansfield came into their game against Bloomsburg on Wednesday, Jan. 26 after having picked up one of their biggest wins of the season, a 53-50 triumph over West Chester on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Decker Gym. The home crowd was ready for a dominant performance from the Mountaineers but it would not come early.

The Mountaineer jumped out to an early 10-4 lead on Carlos Collazo's lay-up with 14:09 to go in the first half. Bob Nenstiel's jumper put the exclamation point on a 7-0 Huskies response to put Bloomsburg up 11-10 at the 11:47 mark. Brian Bryant hit a three on the next possession to give Mansfield a lead they would not relinquish.

Bloomsburg fought to stay close, getting within five at 28-23 on Matt Fisher's lay-up at the 8:35 point in the first half. Mansfield exploded from there, going on a 22-6 run to push the advantage out to 50-29 at the 3:10 mark. The Mountaineer settled for a 53-38 spread at the half. Brandon DeShields was unstoppable in the first half for the Mountaineers, pouring in 20 points.

Mansfield started the second half by picking up where they left off at the end of the first half. The Mountaineers scored 17 of the first 21 points of the half and suddenly found themselves with a 70-42 lead with 13:32 left. The Mountaineers put it into cruise control from there, expanding

the Bloomsburg deficit to as many as 39 with 1:32 left. That was when an unfortunate incident brought the contest to an abrupt completion.

Players from both teams were diving for a loose ball. When the pile cleared, Mansfield had the ball and Marion "Buddy" Rose of the Huskies lay motionless on his stomach. Rose stayed on the court for approximately 20 minutes, until paramedics came in with a stretcher and transported the Bloomsburg freshman to a nearby hospital for further examination. Rose has been released from the hospital and is reported to be all right.

With consideration to the severity of the injury, both head coaches agreed to suspend the game at that moment, making the final score 104-65 Mansfield. DeShields posted a career-high 32 points to pace the Mounties. He also added ten rebounds and five assists. Collazo chipped in

with a double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds. Jason Benson, in his first game against his former team, was held to six points on 0 for 8 shooting. Andrew Jerry led the Huskies with 15 points in the defeat.

The win marked Mansfield's second straight, both coming on their home floor of Decker Gym. The Mountaineers improved to 9-9 overall and 2-1 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East with the win. Bloomsburg slipped to 5-14 on the season and 1-3 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield went for their first three game winning streak of the season when they traveled to Kutztown for a showdown with the Golden Bears. It was all Mansfield early as the Mountaineers took advantage of a ferocious press and three Kutztown turnovers to race out to a 10-0 lead. Kutztown trimmed that lead down to

PSAC Basketball Standings

| Eastern Division | PSAC | ALL | % | Western Division | PSAC | ALL | % |
|------------------|------|------|------|------------------|------|-------|------|
| Kutztown | 2-2 | 11-7 | .611 | Edinboro | 4-0 | 17-2 | .895 |
| West Chester | 3-2 | 13-7 | .650 | IUP | 2-2 | 16-4 | .800 |
| Millersville | 2-2 | 13-4 | .765 | Clarion | 2-2 | 12-6 | .667 |
| Mansfield | 3-1 | 10-9 | .526 | California | 1-3 | 11-17 | .611 |
| E. Stoudsburg | 4-0 | 10-8 | .556 | Shippensburg | 4-0 | 14-5 | .737 |
| Bloomsburg | 1-3 | 5-14 | .263 | Lock Haven | 0-5 | 2-17 | .105 |
| Cheney | 0-5 | 1-16 | .059 | Slippery Rock | 2-3 | 4-16 | .200 |

13-8 on Ben Arnold three-point play with 13:31 to go in the first half.

The Mountaineers came back with a 13-2 run midway through the half to build their biggest advantage of the day at 17, 34-17 at the 6:02 mark on a jumper by Jeremy Frey. The Golden Bears clawed back to snip the Mountaineers halftime lead down to 43-35.

Kutztown began the second half strong, mounting a 17-7 burst to take their first advantage of the afternoon on a Bobby Eberhart three that gave the Golden Bears a 51-50 lead. Neither team would gain a lead larger than five for those last 15 and half minutes.

The Mountaineers stretched to a five-point lead after a Bryant lay-up made it 63-58 with just over ten minutes to go. Kutztown fought back as Ty Brickus's lay-up gave the Golden Bears their final lead at 71-70 with 3:32 left. Benson answered right back with a jumper to give the Mountaineers a one point lead, 72-71.

Kutztown answered two more Mansfield buckets with four free throws in the final couple minutes to leave the score at 76-75

Mountaineers with 41 seconds to go. Mansfield had the ball, but Benson was stripped by Dorian Sims, giving the Golden Bears the ball and a chance to win. Bilal Salaam's long jumper was off the mark and Brickus's last-ditch attempt fell short.

DeShields had another stellar game, putting up 23 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. His efforts were good enough to earn PSAC East Player of the Week honors. Benson was the only other Mountaineer in double figures as he scored 17 points and added five rebounds. Brickus led five Golden Bears in double digits, as he posted 18 points. Salaam, who came into the game second in the nation, averaging nearly five blocks per game, posted 11 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks.

Mansfield moved to 10-9 overall and 3-1 in the PSAC East. The win marked Mansfield's third in a row. Kutztown dropped their second straight and fell to 11-7 on the season and 2-2 in the PSAC East.

The Mountaineers play at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Cheney.



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DeShields was named PSAC East 'Player of the Week'

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WNTE-FM obtains new residence for the future

By ERICA HUDOCK
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The campus radio station, WNTE-FM, was approved Tuesday for its relocation to the Alumni Hall Union Building. The staff requested the change of dwelling due to the upcoming renovations of South Hall.

WNTE-FM management, headed by General Manager Michael Peters, started a petition in which over 500 signatures were collected in support of the relocation to AHUB.

"We thought it was best for students and faculty to know exactly what we wanted to do," Peters said. "The last thing we want to do is mislead the student body and inhabit their space without just reasons."

To be relocated in the most beneficial site, Peters and three staff members made an official proposal on Jan. 31 at the weekly Student

Government Association meeting. Jennifer Caslin, Program Director, Steve Shuster, Underwriting manager and Erick Murtland, Chief Engineer, presented the proposal along with Peters.

"I chose the three members of the committee for many reasons," Peters said. "[Caslin] is extremely organized, dependable and is a talented public speaker who performs best in pressured situations. [Shuster] is great with numbers and being our underwriting manager, I knew he would easily make the transition from persuading businesses to sponsor us and convincing the administration to approve our proposal. [Murtland], although a freshman, possesses a great deal of experience and knowledge in technological operations in radio."

After being granted permission

from SGA, WNTE-FM awaited the approval from Dr. Shari Clarke, SGA faculty advisor and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Some of the initial relocation concerns of the radio station staff included the visibility of the organization, safety of its members and following all current federal broadcasting regulations, according to Peters.

With these concerns in mind, Peters and his staff sought professional help with finding the most beneficial location. Chief Engineer Thomas Gluszcak of WDKC-FM in Liberty, Pa., tested AHUB, Grant Science Center and Manser Dining Hall last October. In his recommendation letter, he felt AHUB was the best location keeping in mind the antenna location, Federal Communications

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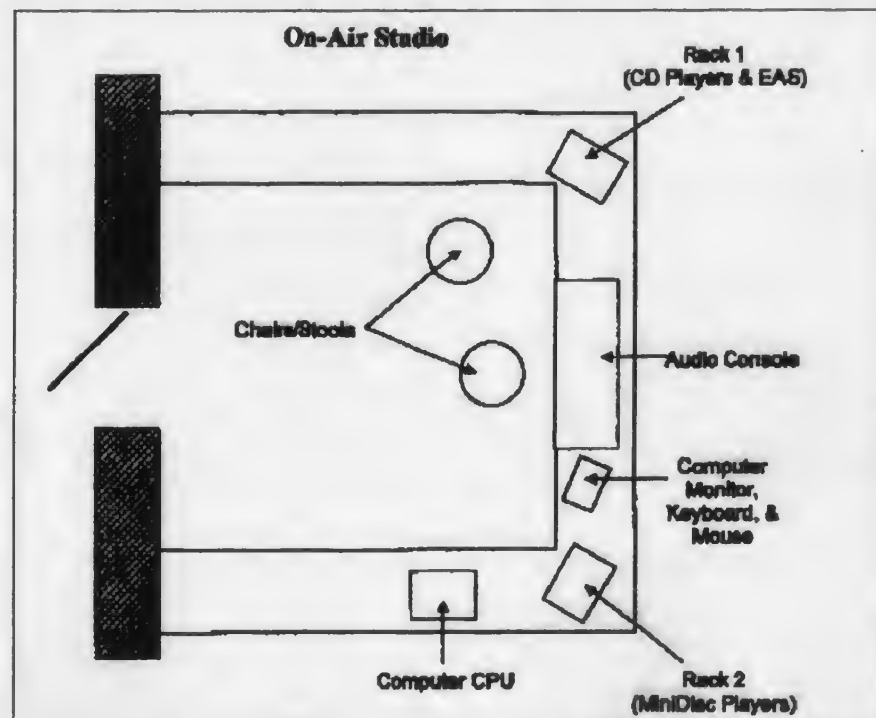


IMAGE BY ERICK MURLAND

Chief Engineer Erick Murtland designed the on-air studio as well as the production room layout in AHUB for the SGA proposal.

Student Activities announces Spring concert artist

By HILLARY GRUMBINE
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Student Activities for Mansfield University has several events planned for this spring. Director, Clarence Crisp has plans in the works for more bus trips to New York and Philadelphia as well as Zanzibar's usual Friday and Saturday night dances at "The Hut." However, the big news this spring is the concert sponsored by Student Activities.

There have been rumors flying recently as to what group will be featured. This year the preliminary work has been done for a show featuring Lloyd Banks of the famed G-Unit. G-Unit is most known for front man, 50 Cent.

Preliminary work consists of getting the contract, it going through the various channels necessary on campus and then signing the deal. At this point, all that is left is for Lloyd Banks' team to sign the contract. Student Activities has been communicating with Banks' agents for about three to four weeks and hope to receive the contract signed by Banks soon. Everything is currently still in the planning stages.

Student Activities made bids for Lloyd Banks and Lil'



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Lloyd Banks, a rapper from the group G-Unit, will be performing on campus on March 18 in Decker Gymnasium.

John, but were only able to offer \$30,000 as their budget is \$40,000. Any production costs will be included within that budget. According to Crisp, this will not change ticket prices.

"Ticket sales are going to be the same," Crisp said. "We'll be giving complimentary tickets through the radio station as well."

Rock music has always been a popular genre at Mansfield University, but this year Student Activities is looking to be more diverse. "We're sticking with this because the last two or three concerts have been rock," Crisp said.

Student Activities usually plans several events during the semester. This semester they have helped to launch Black History Month celebrations with last week's performance of "Break! The Urban Funk" dance team, but are not planning on many activities beyond the usual bus trips and Zanzibar nights.

"We're trying to be conscious not to overextend ourselves," Crisp said. "We're trying for quality not quantity."

Student organizations are encouraged to help out in any way they can. Crisp said that involvement from the campus would be greatly appreciated as Mansfield Activity Council's membership has been decreasing.



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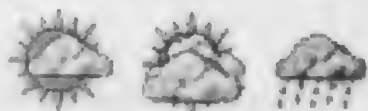


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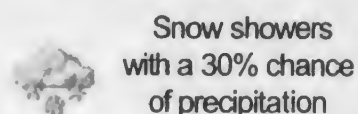
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Weekly Weather



TODAY



Snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation

High: 27° Low: 12°

FRIDAY



Snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 28° Low: 15°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 33° Low: 14°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation

High: 27° Low: 13°

MONDAY



Snow shower with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 27° Low: 19°

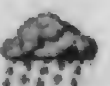
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Scattered snow showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 32° Low: 23°

WEDNESDAY



Scattered showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

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Congratulations to the Writer of the Month for January!

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We would like to apologize for mistakes in last week's news section of *The Flashlight*. Some of the members of the Honors Council were left off the list in last week's article. Dr. Chuck Hoy, Professor Walter Sanders, Dr. Ira Newman, Ms. Eva Green and Dr. Sharon Carrish are also members of the Honors Council.

Also we apologize to Campus Crusade for Christ for running the wrong picture in their advertisement for the band "Set Apart."

Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Have empty cartridges?** Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fund-raiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorms.

★ **Female Students - Nominate Your Mentor:** Nominate your personal mentor, a male or female member of the Mansfield University community, by telling us how this person has made a difference in your life. If your nomination is selected, you will be invited to a reception with your personal mentor on Wednesday, March 30. Nomination form and instructions are online at www.mansfield.edu/%7Ewomens/mentor.doc. Contact Amber Johnson for more information at acjohnso@mnsfld.edu.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group through the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6-7:30p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB from starting Feb. 8. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at ext. 5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ **Are you interested in other people and places?** Do do you want to become more culturally aware? The anthropology club is recruiting students who want to help promote diversity and acceptance for all people, as well as learn about life in other places and times. Everyone is welcome! Bring an open mind and smile. Join us on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Pinecrest room 215 make some friends and have some fun. Hope to see you there.

★ **At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 in 307 AHUB Dr. Vincent Miles will be speaking for Black History Month.** Dr. Miles is from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

★ **This is your last chance to see "The Vagina Monologues."** If you have not caught the Wednesday night showings at 8 p.m. and midnight there will be a showing tonight in Steadman at 8 p.m.

★ **The members of Mansfield University Advocacy Association would like to thank the members of WNTE for helping with the Thursdays In Black program.** WNTE-FM donated the use of a PA system for the rally.

Wireless internet launched on campus

By JACOB BURKE

Special to The Flashlight

The Information Technology department at Mansfield University is rolling out wireless Internet access for students and faculty.

There are benefits to having wireless internet on campus. No need to be stuck in a lab or the library if you are just checking your e-mail or want to chat with your friends online. The system is also less expensive than the standard wired installation.

"Wireless internet provides freedom to the students. [They] don't have to be at a specific 'lab' location to do [their] work or check [their] email," Alex Miller said. Miller is the I.T. Technology Coordinator. "Additionally, it's [cheaper than] the typical wired network."

Wireless access is already available in Lower Manser and on the third floor of AHUB. These two "hotspot" locations were selected because research showed that stu-

dents congregate there the most.

"The initial wireless locations were based on the students. Most, every student on this campus passes through Manser and South Hall Mall every day. That is why it became the key starting place," Miller said. "The second place was the AHUB. This was also based around student orientation."

There are some preliminary steps that students have to take before getting on the wireless network. First, students must have a PC with the Microsoft Windows XP operating system. It is also recommended that the Service Pack 2 upgrade be installed. Second, the PC must be equipped with a wireless network card that is designed to connect to the 802.11b/g wireless system. Third, the PC needs to be configured with the network's authentication system that Mansfield University uses. The instructions for configuring a PC with the network are available at

wireless.mansfield.edu.

The reason students must have Windows is because the system I.T. department uses to validate network users is designed around the Windows operating system.

"We experimented most with Windows in the initial stages of setting up the network," Miller said. "It is the most compatible with the 802.11b/g system and offers better protection to keep unauthorized users off of the network."

Lower Manser and AHUB are not the only hotspots that will be available when the system is completed.

"The rest of AHUB will be completed by the end of this semester, particularly the Jazzman's Café area," Miller said. "We are also looking at North Hall as the next location. Hopefully, within the next year we can experiment with an outdoor antenna maybe in the South Hall Mall or in front of Elliott."

Mansfield students get 'funky'

By JASON PRZYBYCIEN

Flashlight Writer

"Break! The Urban Funk Spectacular" was performed Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Decker Gymnasium.

Many basketball fans stayed for the free entertainment following the men's basketball game.

"I thought it showcased a lot of talent," student Justin Kress said.

"Break" was intended to be a unique entertainment experience at Mansfield. Clarence Crisp, Director of Student Activities, helped to bring the show here.

"I wanted the [dance teams on campus] to see that this thing has no limits," Crisp said. "It was entertaining, very entertaining."

The dance team was not limited by age, race, or origin. The team includes members of several ethnic groups from locations such as New York City, Florida, and Japan.

One member, Kid Dynamite, was described as being "50 years in the making."

"It ain't easy being 20, but I'm still here," Kid Dynamite said. His skills include dancing and cartwheels, while on roller skates.

Other dancers, like Lucky Queue, a girl from Japan, and Jumping Bean, showed synchronized dancing skills to the screams of James Brown.

"It's a world within another," student and dancer Dorsea Palmer said. "It's hard to live in both. However, it's worth doing."

Palmer, along with other members of the audience, were encouraged to participate. His antics drew the volunteers into synchronized and solo dancing in front of the crowd.

"Break!" members who appeared here are actually part of a larger dance group. Its member have appeared in the films "Honey" and "You Got Served," as well as many public performances. For more information on this world-touring dance organization managed by Steve Love of Love Productions, check out their website at <http://www.breakshow.com>.

Seventy-six trombones fill Straughn next week

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University students will perform *The Music Man* next week at Straughn Hall.

Rehearsals were held at the start of the semester by theater professor Michael Crum who is the director. Crum was happy with auditions, which drew a large number of students. Everybody who auditioned was cast in the musical.

Crum chose *The Music Man* because he directed a small musical last year. "This was a good time for a large-scale musical with a large cast," Crum said.

According to Crum, directing a musical of this caliber is no small feat. If he had to describe the experience of directing this musical in one word, the word would be challenging. "It seems like every year I have to do more with less."

The hardest part about rehearsals was working around everyone's schedules. "The biggest challenge is getting the actors all here on a regular basis," Crum said. Crum often had to direct rehearsals without the full cast. During this last week of rehearsals, Crum said everybody will be putting the scenes together.

The other challenge is that *The Music Man* is such a popular musical. "Sometimes when people know what happens in a show as popular as this, they come with expectations we have to live up to," Crum said.

The musical will include a live orchestra. The orchestra has been practicing separately and join the actors for rehearsals this week.

Crum encourages students to come to the musical because, "There's nothing like the experience of live theatre. In a world where movies and television are so ingrained, it's important to see live theatre. The type of excitement that's generated from seeing it is something people never forget," Crum said.



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This year's musical, *The Music Man*, will be performed next weekend in Straughn Hall.

Crum is not carrying the whole load. One of his helpers is student director Tony Spagnoli. Spagnoli is a senior theatre major. His job is to oversee what happens on stage.

Spagnoli said students should come because admission is only \$2, and the musical is fun to watch. "The singers are fantastic. The quality is amazing. It's a lot of fun to watch the actors perform," Spagnoli said.

Ryan Curchoe plays Professor Harold Hill and Laura Haffner will play Marion Paroo.

The *Music Man* will be presented Feb. 24-27. Show times are 8 p.m. next Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and 2 p.m. next Sunday. Admission is \$2 for Mansfield University students, \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for senior citizens.

Spotlight on Student Affairs

By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

Students are fascinating people, they really are. They come from all walks of life, all kinds of places and from completely different families, yet together they comprise our student body. Because the student population is so diverse, many of the people who work in Student Affairs are pretty unique themselves. Take this week's featured Student Affairs professional Clarence Crisp for example.

Crisp, Director of Student Activities, is a complex man who never fails to make an impression on people. I have been working in the office next to him for almost a full academic year and I can certainly say there is never a boring day in 324 Alumni Hall. For those of you who do not know him, he makes quite a statement just being himself. Rising to height over 6' Crisp first struck me as a retired football player and while he did at one point find himself on the football field, fishing is his current sport of choice.

However, Crisp is more to Student Affairs than just an All-American angler. If you attended the basketball games last Wednesday, then you saw it for yourself. Performing at half time

and also immediately following the men's game was "Break! The Urban Funk Spectacular." Due to the efforts of Crisp and his student workers, "Break" was a successful addition to the student calendar and with their continued efforts, we can look forward to groups like that in the future.

Crisp and his crew are responsible for bringing entertainment and activity to Mansfield University. As the motto indicates, they are "dedicated to bringing the best in entertainment to campus." Past projects have included concerts, bus trips and other special performances. Several plans are in the works for future events including bus trips and new events like Lloyd Banks on March 18 and promoting regular Zanzibar at The Hut every Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

If you are a student with some ideas or if you would like to get involved, head over to AHUB and see what Student Activities is all about. "I strongly promote student involvement and programming ethics," Crisp said. "I try to give them the opportunity to do everything that I would do. That's the only way our students can learn, if we lead through involvement."

"Dress to Impress" aids students in need

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Julia Overton-Healy, Director of the Office of Career Development, has been organizing the Dress to Impress Career Fashion Expo for the past six months. The Fashion Expo will be held in North Manser on Feb. 22 from 8-10 p.m. Radio station WNTF-FM will provide music. The bookstore will supply light snacks and drinks.

Business apparel fashion shows are a standard service that career development centers provide. When Overton-Healy noticed that more students were asking what they should wear to interviews, she thought it would be a good idea to hold a fashion show.

Seventeen student models will be show the clothing interviewees should wear. They will be modeling clothes from TJ Maxx, Dunham's and The Blue Thistle.

Faculty and staff will be showing the type of clothing that students should not wear which should be a fun and goofy aspect of the show Overton-Healy said.

The Career Development Center will also be starting a service called "The Closet," which will be taking donations of gently used business attire from faculty, staff

and students. The donations will go to students who need the clothing, but cannot afford to buy them.

Women's Studies is co-sponsoring the event along with the Career Development Center. Denise Seigart, the Director of Women's Studies, will be announcing the models and answering questions along with Overton-Healy.

Representatives from Dunham's and The Blue Thistle will also be there to answer student's questions about appropriate apparel. The Fashion Expo will cover more than the proper clothes for interviews. Models will be wearing clothes for business casual and business social events such as a luncheon or business conference, or the company's holiday party.

"This event is important, particularly to juniors and seniors who are looking to land that first job or internship," Overton-Healy said. She also believes it is important for freshman and sophomores to start considering what they will need to make a good first impression.

"First impressions are made within the first 15 seconds of meeting someone and that impression is mostly made on appearance and how you present yourself," Overton-Healy said.

Upcoming events sponsored by the Career Development Center

-Good Works Career Fair
from 2-5 p.m. on March 22
in 307 AHUB

-Health Services Career Fair,
from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. on the
Sayre Campus

-Pennsylvania Civil Service
Commission Information
Session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
on April 7 in Room 301
AHUB

-Education Career Fair April
13 from 5-8 p.m. in 307
AHUB

*For more information on the Dress to
Impress Career Fashion Expo, these
upcoming events and a full calendar
of events, visit the Career
Development Center's website at
web.mansfield.edu/career/*

'WNTF-FM'

Commission requirements and changes that would occur in the coverage area due to height, location and blockage.

"AHUB would be the most advantageous building for relocation," Gluszcak wrote. "It is closest to the current station's location and is at approximately the same elevation, thus assuring station coverage would not be affected."

Because WNTF-FM reaches out to about 45 percent of the listening area, according to a recent poll conducted by station members, the staff was concerned about the possibility of losing coverage area.

"[WNTF-FM] is a big information source for broadcast news, weather and Mansfield University sports," Caslin said. "We are part of the area Emergency Alert System and the MSA Sports Network which makes sports broadcasts available to alumni and traveling students."

Cost and efficiency were also among topics of concern. According to Shuster, \$50,000 has been budgeted for the relocation based on the recommendations of Gregory Black, Project Manager of Maintenance at the University.

"We would like a permanent home," Shuster said. "Permanency is a big thing with this move. Alumni [Hall] has that about it."

Now that the proposal has been approved, construction of the facility will begin at the end of the semester.

"There is a good part and a bad part to this project," Peters said. "The bad part is, as an outgoing senior, I will never see the renovations take place. The good part is neither will the rest of the students." Construction will be completed before students return in the fall.

Michael Lemasters, Executive Director of Student Affairs, has been designated as the official liaison for the transition to AHUB.

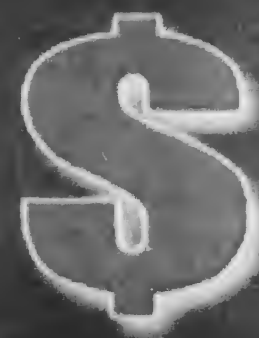
In the approval letter to the WNTF-FM staff, Clarke said, "I am confident your movement into the Student Center will strengthen the activities in the Center and continue to enhance programming and communication efforts on campus."

WNTF-FM looks forward to the move which will bring new opportunities and capabilities to the second largest campus organization.

"We firmly believe that this is the right decision not only for WNTF-FM, but for the University," Peters said. "We are not a communication organization; we are a student organization. There is no better place for a student organization to call its home, than the Student Center."

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Meningitis: A concern on college campuses

By NATOSHIA SHADE

Flashlight Writer

Lately, Teenagers and young adults all over the United States have been contracting the virus known as meningitis and know little about the disease.

Meningitis is an infection of the tissues and sometimes the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord. It causes the brain and sometimes the spinal, tissues to swell and results in a decreased supply of blood and oxygen to the brain. The infection occurs most often in infants and young adults; ages 15 to 24, but older adults and people who have a long-standing health problem can contract the disease.

Your age and overall health determines how severe meningitis can be. It can range from mild to life-threatening. Bacterial Meningitis is passed from contaminated food, water and other objects. Viral meningitis is passed by contact with another infected person through kissing, sneezing, coughing, or sex. Also, the mother can pass meningitis to her baby at birth.

In general, the symptoms of bacterial meningitis appear suddenly and the viral form takes longer for symptoms to appear. Even when symptoms do appear it is difficult to determine whether it is meningitis or not, many people believe that they are just suffering from a very bad case of the flu. In both forms these symptoms may appear: fever, severe and persistent headache, stiff and painful neck, especially when trying to touch the chin to the chest, vomiting, confusion and decreased level of consciousness and seizures. The symptoms can also include the following but are less common: sluggishness, muscle aches and weakness and strange feelings (such as tingling) or weakness throughout the body; eye sensitivity and eye pain from bright lights; skin rash; and dizzy spells.

If you discover any symptoms of meningitis, it is important to get to the doctor immediately. Left untreated, meningitis can become serious, even deadly.

In November of 2004, six high school football players contracted viral meningitis by sharing water bottles at practice. In January of this year, a high school student in Philadelphia contracted viral

meningitis three weeks after another girl had died from meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is caused by the same bacteria that causes bacterial meningitis. Also, on Feb. 8, a Central Washington University student died of bacterial meningitis.

With all of the outbreaks recently there has been some good news. A new vaccine, called Menactra, has been developed for meningitis and will be available for doctors to start using in March, but there is one downfall. There may be shortages of this

new vaccine for a few years. The company who created the drug is not planning on opening a new factory that will produce Menactra until 2007 or 2008. By March it is expected that there will be five million vaccines available, but a government panel suggested on Feb. 10, 2005 that all 10 million 11 and 12-year-olds, teenagers entering high school and college freshmen get the vaccine. Sources: www.msnbc.msn.com and <http://my.webmd.com>.



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Modern science has advanced a new vaccine for meningitis.

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 - 16
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 - Topanga
 - Lauren
 - Theresa
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 - Eighth Period Escape
 - Lunchtime Lust
 - Gym Class All-Stars
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 - Jake "The Snake" Roberts
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Where is today's Black history going to leave us?

By NIJA SMITH
Flashlight Writer

Throughout my childhood and teenage years, I remember Black History Month as a time to reflect on the many achievements African Americans have contributed towards American Society and the world. One of the first names I learned was Madame C.J. Walker, the inventor of the hot comb and the first self-made female millionaire in the U.S. As early as the fourth grade she inspired me to come up with some kind of creation to change society.

Today, it seems as if the inventors, innovators, and firsts in many fields are overlooked and ignored. I understand that many students here come from an area that does not care to mention, let alone cele-

brate Black History Month. However, some of us have let the more important ideas of black history slip away from us while we focus our attention on rap lyrics, the newest trends in fashion and superficial ideologies. Even in discussion with my peers, I find that most of the Black students care just as much or less than the ignorant White students about today's Black issues and history.

When I think about the legacy my generation is going to leave behind, I become a bit scared. I believe it is appropriate to separate talent from leadership, which leaves out Jay-Z, Dave Chappell and other famous faces that have done much for themselves. More attention and effort could be focused on issues in the Black com-

munity as opposed to highlighting them in their own art form. Where are our Malcolm X's and our Martin Luther Kings? I know many of you think that we have all of our rights and freedoms, slavery is over so there is no need for a movement or a revolution. You are wrong; all problems do not stop as soon as segregation has ended. Internal and external forces are negatively influencing the Black community in various ways. I see no major figure trying to lead. No Harriett Tubmens. What Legacy will we leave?

For more information, Dr. Vincent Miles will be speaking on "Today's Black History's History. What Legacy Will You Leave?" at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 24, in the AHUB multipurpose room.

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April 13, 2005

MU Education Fair
Multipurpose Room, 317 AHUB,
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

This Month in History: Mardi Gras

By SARAH GLOVER
Flashlight Writer

Mardi Gras. Fat Tuesday. Beads, Beer and other "B" unmentionables. For years those two little words have brought us festivities, tradition. Another Mardi Gras has come and gone and as we stagger back to our studies and pick the confetti out of our hair let us reflect back for a moment on this most gluttonous of celebrations. As holidays go this one seems a little mysterious, lacking the Pilgrims, gift-laden chimney gnomes and winged heart snipers its neighbor holidays have to offer. So wherefore art thou Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." Like most rockin' holidays we have to raise our glasses to the Romans, those Bestia Prima of the early A.D. for kicking off the party. Known for a good time as well as world domination the Romans celebrated a festival called "Lupercalia" held about the same time of year as our modern Mardi Gras. The festival was pretty similar in practice as proven by the wall paintings of staggering Roman men and women sporting cheap beads and wearing togas embroidered with "Lucius for Lupercalia Caesar."

A few centuries later Christianity became all the rage and polytheism fell out like tight rolled jeans. "Too many Gods, too little time" mindset swept the land. The Catholic Church had the idea of incorporating old pagan festivals under new Christian guidelines to help boost membership, possibly

bringing the term "new and improved" into play for the first time in history. Early Christians were encouraged to live it up during "Shrovetide" (old English for "to repent") and eat rich food, drink heavy wine and do other unnamed naughty things the Church did not approve of in preparation for Lent, a forty day ritual that involves fasting and penitence.

All went well and good for a few centuries for the Shrovetide crowd, reveling and repenting until the Protestant Reformation crashed the party faster than your parents coming home three hours sooner than expected and just as cranky. Suddenly anything fun was out and serious no-nonsense worship was in. Luckily, the French decided anything the Germans and English were into was not their glass of wine, and kept the Catholic party ethic alive. But some how the name "Shrovetide" just wasn't jiving with the French vocab. Mardi Gras turned out to be much sleeker and rang with the ideals of this festival's good times and indulgence. Always willing to share a good thing the French brought the party with them to the new world, where the originally French colonial city of New Orleans as well as other cities all over the world continue to celebrate the holiday annually.

Next year as you head to a Mardi Gras celebration, remember the rich traditional and cultural history of one of the world's most indulgent of holidays, and give a Roman thumbs up to the partiers of the past.



PHOTO BY DANIELLE DICKERSON

Mardi Gras was celebrated on Feb. 8.

Outwit, outplay, outlast - Survivor: Palau

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Twenty new castaways are stranded in the island chain of Palau, a paradise that some consider the eighth natural wonder of the world. Palau is setting the scene for the tenth season of Survivor, airing on CBS on Thurs., Feb. 17.

Last season in Survivor, Vanuatu, we saw a competition between the men and the women. The women outplayed the men, defeating them in several challenges and voting the men off at almost every opportunity. In the end, the women controlled the game, but surprisingly, Chris Daugherty, a construction worker from South Vienna, Ohio, became the sole survivor.

Some have said that the tenth season is set in the most exotic location yet. Palau, under Japanese occupation during World War II, is filled with artifacts both on land and under water. "It was in this part of the world that war raged in the 1940s. Today the remains and



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Who will outwit, outplay and outlast to become the next sole survivor?

wreckage of the war haunt these waters and jungles like ghosts of a violent past. An eerie mix of man's explosive history and nature's power to reclaim," host Jeff Probst said in the CBS preview.

In fact, tribal council has been rumored to take place in a fake Japanese bunker, surrounded by war material. The original plan was

to hold tribal council in an authentic bunker, but these were not spacious enough for the film crew.

Survivor fanatics predict this season will be divided into two tribes of both men and women. The Koror tribe will take control of the brown camouflage buff. The Ulong tribe will take control of the blue camouflage buff.

Survivor: Palau is rumored to make the cast true survivors-being dropped off on the island with nothing but a map and being forced to find the camp. The survivors are literally left with nothing but a small amount of instruction on what to do, and some of them are seriously lost. In fact, the premiere episode may surprise viewers; two of the survivors do not even make it to the first challenge. TV Guide says that a major shock will occur in the first ten minutes of the premiere.

"It was all by design," producer Mark Burnett said. "You have this situation now where everyone thinks they know more about the rules and format than we do. I wanted to see what happens by completely revamping the way of starting the show."

Who will outwit, outplay, and outlast to become the next sole survivor? Tune into the premiere of Survivor: Palau on CBS on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

Source: www.survivorfever.net

Fast facts on Palau

Location:

Oceania, a group of islands in the North Pacific Ocean, southeast of the Philippines

Climate:

Tropical; hot and humid; wet season from May to November

Geography:

Includes World War II battleground of Beliliou and world-famous rock islands

Ethnic Groups:

Seventy percent Palauan (Micronesian with Malayan and Melanesian admixtures), 28 percent Asian and 2 percent white

Walking Billboards - The new trend

By TRAVIS CORTER
Flashlight Writer

A young man from Omaha, Nebraska let an idea go to his head. Literally.

Twenty-year-old Andrew Fischer sold advertising space on his forehead on eBay last month. The bids came rolling in.

By the end of the bidding period, hundreds of companies had participated in the process. Three weeks ago, SnoreStop was the lucky winner. Fischer granted the company 30 days of advertising on his head.

Fischer applied a temporary tattoo to his head. The tattoo, which SnoreStop provided, reads "SnoreStop."

SnoreStop CEO Christian de Rivel was surprised by the company's investment. Why? Because his daughter surprised him with the news. Rivel had no idea she had been bidding on the ad space and he was happy to hear the news.

SnoreStop reported a significant increase in sales the day they placed the winning bid.

Fischer is excited to be working with Snorestop. Now known as "The Forehead Guy," he said he enjoys the media coverage he's been receiving.



PHOTO FROM WWW.SNORESTOP.COM
Andrew Fischer has become the world's first walking billboard.

Fischer has become the world's first official "walking billboard."

Fischer came up with this idea 10 minutes after asking himself what he could sell on eBay. His creativity has earned him money and a possible gateway into the world of television and film.

He was known as the shy guy in high school. His dream was to find a way into the television/film industry. This may be the break he was looking for.

Fischer's friends told him he had to use his head to make money. Where you might not take such advice literally, Fischer did.

Fischer said that once the bidding passed \$1,000, he noticed other people selling advertising space on their bodies. He thinks

SnoreStop chose his head because he is the first person to sell ad space on his body.

The bidding was not open to every company in the world. Fischer made it clear he will not advertise products that are not family-friendly.

Fischer has been to New York, Los Angeles, and Omaha, NE, among other places. He expects this to be the new wave in advertising. He said it will change the face of business as much as reality TV changed television.

He works as a web designer. He also runs three video game websites and many other sites.

Everything Fischer has done was self-taught. A high-school graduate who never attended college, Fischer used to be shy. After taking jobs that required him to be in front of large groups of people, he was more outgoing.

Andrew Fischer is not selling his forehead space on eBay now. He said he has received many offers regarding another sponsorship. He plans to sell forehead ad space again. He will do so when the 30 days of SnoreStop advertising ends.

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On the market: The hottest cars for graduates

By GREG MILUNICH
Flashlight Writer

When graduation rolls around, there are many questions graduates may be asking themselves such as: "Where will I live?" "Where can I find a job?" and "What new vehicle will fit me best?" Well, here's some help on your journey to find a new car.

SEDANS

The Honda Accord starts at \$16,000 and has five different option levels. The top of the line starts at \$26,000. There are also two different engine options: an inline four cylinder rated at 160 horsepower and 161 torque.

The next is a V6 rated at 240 horsepower and 212 torque. There is also an Accord Hybrid version for those more environmentally conscientious. It is more expensive starting at \$29,000. The good side is its estimated fuel economy 37 miles per gallon (mpg) highway and 29 mpg city.

The Ford Focus comes in four



PHOTO FROM ALLAUTOREVIEWS.COM
The 2005 Honda Accord

models: the ZX3, ZX4, ZX5 and ZXW. These start at \$13,000 and go up to \$18,000. They have a two door hatchback, sedan, four door hatchback and a wagon. There are two engine options available in the Focus: the 2.0 four cylinder and the 2.3 four cylinder. The 2.0 is rated at 136 horsepower and 133 torque and the 2.3 is rated at 151 horsepower and 154 torque. It has an average of 33 mpg highway and 23 mpg city.

The Subaru Impreza has three option levels: the 2.5 RS, WRX and the WRX STI. The 2.5 RS starts at \$18,000, the WRX starts at \$24,000 and the WRX STI starts at \$32,000.

The feature that stands out with the Impreza models is that all of them come standard with all wheel drive. The 2.5 RS and the WRX has a 2.0 turbo charged four cylinder rated at 227 horsepower and 300 torque.

SUVs

The Subaru Forester was named Car and Driver's best small SUV for 2005. It is priced from \$21,000 to \$27,000. It comes in two main models: the XS and the XT. There are two engines available for the Forester. The first is a 2.5 four cylinder rated at 165 horsepower and 166 torque. The second is a 2.5 turbocharged four cylinder with an engine rated at 210 horsepower and 235 torque. All Forester

models come with all wheel drive.

The Chevrolet Equinox is priced from \$21,000 to \$23,000. There are two models: the LS and the LT. There is only one engine for the Equinox, a 3.4 V6 rated at 185 horsepower and 210 torque. The Equinox comes with all wheel drive as an option for both models.

The Honda CRV is priced between \$19,000 and \$25,000. It has four models that all come equipped with an inline four cylinder engine rated at 160 horsepower and 162 torque. Four wheel drive is an option for all but one of the models.

TRUCKS

The Chevrolet Colorado comes in three models: the Z85, which starts at \$15,000, the Sport model which starts at \$17,000 and the Z71 which starts at \$18,000. The Colorado has two engine options: the vortec I4, which has 175 horsepower and 185 torque and the vortec I-5, which has 220 horsepower and 225 torque. The X85 and the Z71 have optional four wheel drive.

The Ford Ranger has four models: the XL starts at \$15,000, the STX starts at \$16,000, Edge starts at \$17,000 and the FX4 starts at \$25,000.

The Ranger has three engine options. The first is an I4, which has 143 horsepower and 154 torque. Next is a 3.0 liter V6 rated



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Replacing cars is just one more expense for the college grad. Research a variety of vehicles to find the best car at the best price.

at 148 horsepower and 180 torque. The last is a 4.0 liter V6 rated at 207 horsepower and 238 torque. All models except the XL and STX have optional all wheel drive.

The Nissan Frontier has two models: the King Cab and the Crew Cab. The King Cab starts at \$15,000 and the Crew Cab starts at \$20,000.

There are two engine options available for the Frontier. The first is a four cylinder rated at 154 horsepower and 173 torque. The next is a V6 rated at 265 horsepower and 284 torque. Four wheel drive is an option for all models.

When it comes time for that new car purchase, research is the key. Most manufacturer websites are the best place to start. They offer insight into reliability cost of ownership and many have a build and price feature to see how much the vehicle will cost with the options desired. Also, when doing research it is good to look at independent sources. These may include www.edmunds.com, *Car and Driver Magazine*, and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. When the perfect car is bought, be sure to take care of it and enjoy it.

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Commentary: Low-rise jeans creates stir in Virginia House

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

While perusing the Google news, I came across an interesting story about the Virginia state government. Apparently, it seems that the houses of legislature in Virginia are so backed up with bills and have such a short time to vote on them, that they have gone on a voting spree of sorts. As one legislator said "Don't ask me what's in them...we have to rely on the committee system," to tell the legislators what the current bill in question does. This immediately brought back memories of *Fahrenheit 9/11* where during an interview; a senator from Illinois acknowledges that he does not usually read the bills that come across his desk.

I could not help but think to myself that, "Hey, you know, not reading the bills could lead to the passing of some crazy legislation.

Apparently I was having some sort of low-level premonition because as I read on in the article it became clear that the situation I described is most definitely taking place. In a twist of the completely absurd, yesterday the Virginia House of Representatives passed a bill that outlaws wearing low-rise jeans and showing underwear. Violation of the law will result in a \$50 fine.

One can only hope that this was the result of the legislators not reading the bill or at the very least, a very creative attempt at raising revenue to cover budget gaps. Thankfully, the bill has yet to be completely adopted as it has to be accepted by the Virginia State Senate before it goes into affect. But think of the implications. This would basically wipe out the existence of Britney Spears in Virginia. While I must admit that the idea of banning Britney Spears is

favorable in my opinion, legislature is completely off the mark, because they're outlawing the only redeeming quality of Ms. Spears. Her backside. I like enormous behinds and I cannot prevaricate.

Seriously though, I do not know much about Parliamentary procedure, but it seems to me that if the House of Representatives is so stressed for time and awash in a sea of actual work, perhaps they might investigate the possibility of passing over or tabling this issue until it can be addressed with more scrutiny. I challenge Virginia to leave style and taste judgments to the queer eyes and stick to actual legislation that makes sense.

Yet in the implementation of actual policy, the House of Representatives missed the mark again when they also approved yesterday a bill that would make it more difficult for gays and lesbians to adopt children by allowing

sexual preference to be a factor in the determining who is fit for parenting. Oh and lets not forget the banning of gay marriage in the state constitution.

This strikes me as completely senseless. If conservatives prefer that people adopt rather than abort, how can they possibly justify limiting the pool for potential adopting parents? Secondly, why is sexual preference any indication of fitness for parenting? I know plenty of heterosexual people that should have had children and I know plenty of heterosexual people that I hope never do. To me, this is much like saying people who like Skippy brand peanut butter over Peter Pan should not be allowed to have children.

I suppose I do not have much to say on this other than that I simply do not understand the thinking behind this bill and I believe that it could only be

rationalized by only blind prejudice and ignorance. While I do understand that some think that placing a child in the care of homosexual couples is like placing an innocent person into a nest of sin, it seems to me that if you ask a child waiting to be adopted if they want to be in a home where they will be loved and taken care of by two people who love and take care of each other, they would gladly say yes.

Secondly, I am also willing to bet that if you ask an adult that has been raised by a homosexual couple who loved them and cared for them, if they wish they had never been placed there because their parents are homosexual, they would most likely answer to the negative.

With this banning of low-rise jeans and homosexual adoption, I think it's fair to say that Virginia has gone off the deep end.

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Hot Topic

It is time to take the power away from fans

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

Every year the National Basketball League lets fans vote for the starters of the All-Star Game. Every year millions of fans go online to vote for the players they believe should represent their respective conferences. Every year they vote for the popular players instead of the ones that are playing well. I am a fan. I want to see the best players play against each other. Instead, I see the same All-Star players each year, not because they are the best players or having a great year, but because they are popular. Too often players who deserve to be on the team are omitted.

Tracy McGrady has had a good year. He averages 25.3 points per game. He is not the best player on the court. His defense is not great and he averages more than six turnovers per game. Nonetheless, McGrady gets picked to start because he is popular. This prevents other players, like Steve Nash or Ray Allen, from starting in the All-Star Game. Nash and Allen are picked as reserves, which keeps other players, who are also better than McGrady, off the All-Star team.

The same thing happens in other sports. For the baseball All-Star Game the starting outfield was Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr. and Sammy Sosa. The stats from last season reveal that both Sosa and Griffey were below par.

Sosa and Griffey prevented better players from being on the All-Star team. Juan Pierre from the Florida Marlins was hitting .326 on the season. Yet Pierre was not an All-Star because the fans voted for the popular players.

This is an easy problem to fix. Look at the National Football League. They allow fans to vote for the players in the Pro Bowl, but the fans' votes are only one part of the equation. Coaching staffs and players get to vote as well. They make sure the best players are selected. If baseball shifted to something along those lines, it would greatly improve the All-Star game.

The argument for fans who love to vote for All-Stars is that, "It is the fans' game." Maybe in the past, but in baseball, it is the players' game again, as they are battling for home-field advantage for the World Series. Basketball might be able to say "It is the fan's game," but in baseball, it is important.

I love my right to vote for the All-Stars. Many fans do. Fans should have some influence in naming All-Stars, but after looking at who is named and more importantly, who is not, it is clear that fans have too much power. The best players should be named All-Stars, not the most popular. Fans need to realize that the All-Star game is not a popularity contest. It is a game.

The game is for the fans, the fans should vote

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Sports Writer

This coming Sunday in Denver, Co. the best of the best in the National Basketball Association will square off in the 2005 NBA All-Star Game. While the majority of the stars, such as LeBron James and Kobe Bryant will be on the teams rosters, there is still some scrutiny because some players that deserved to be on the roster were left off, because the fans did not vote them in. I do feel for those players that are having a great year and got snubbed off the rosters, but if the fans did not feel that the player deserves to be there for this particular weekend I have no complaints.

The NBA's All-Star weekend has always been about the fans, giving them a great show with the Rookie Game, the Three-Point Shootout, as well as other skills competitions and finally finishing up with the actual game on Sunday night. If this particular weekend is going to be reserved for the fans, then I say they should have final say on the players they wish to see. It is the fans who pay to buy tickets to see NBA games throughout their 82-game season and playoffs should their team make it that far. While some executives and players feel that the fans are the cause of players being snubbed off of the All-Star rosters, it would be a disaster for the NBA to take away voting rights from the fans for the one game of the year that is meant for their viewing entertainment. That is like telling a pizzeria they cannot sell pizza on Super Bowl Sunday, the one day that they are guaranteed high sales.

The NBA is in no position to take away anything from the fans as it is striving to regain an identity from the days of Michael Jordan. The fans are the most important piece to any sport because they keep the professional leagues in business. The NBA All-Star weekend is like a "thank you" to the players from the fans. The fans have the opportunity to tell the player that their season has not gone unnoticed and that they want to see them play in the All-Star game. Having the ability to cast their vote for the players they want to see is a great way for the NBA to show their fans that their opinion matters when it comes to voting for the All-Star rosters. Of course, I have a hard time believing that Vince Carter is still one of the best players in the league and he should be starting for the Eastern Conference, but it was the fans that voted and wanted him there. It is not a big deal, Carter is always good for a highlight dunk and that is what the fans want on their weekend.

Honestly, I really do not see the harm in having the fans vote for the players to be at the All-Star game because nine times out of 10 the players we want to see there are going to be voted there. If the players and executives in the league feel they can do a better job than the people who pay to see these games on a daily basis, then I say more power to them. However, if the league wants to keep up good relations with its fans, then I would suggest not fixing something that is not broken. Repeatedly, fans hear that professional athletes are out to perform for them and give them a good show. If this is the case, why are the fans of the NBA being scrutinized for being able to vote for the show they want to see?



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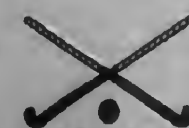
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NBA mid-season breakdown

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

This National Basketball Association season we have seen the fall of the Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers, who have won four of the last five Western Conference Championships and three NBA Championships, look like a team that is struggling on the court. Last season, when Lakers owner Jerry Buss made Kobe Bryant the future of the Lakers, which drove out Shaquille O'Neil and Phil Jackson out of Los Angeles.

Rudy Tomjanovich is the former head coach of the Houston Rockets. He led the Rockets to the back-to-back NBA championships in the mid 1990s. Tomjanovich took over as head coach for the Lakers. Halfway through the season, he resigned for health reasons. If that was not bad enough, Kobe Bryant was sitting out because of an ankle injury suffered against Cleveland Cavaliers. Consequently, Bryant missed 14 games. The Lakers went 6-8 without him. He just returned this past Sunday against the Cleveland. The Lakers lost 103-89.

Another team that has fallen from last season are the Minnesota Timberwolves. The 'Wolves made it to the Western Conference Finals last year. They are now one and a half games away from the last playoff spot.

Timberwolves' management took their disappointment out on head coach Flip Saunders. He was fired Saturday after he led the team to a 25-26 record. Vice President of Basketball Operations, Kevin McHale, will be coaching the team for the rest of the season.



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Hill recovered from four ankle surgeries and a staph infection to return to star form.

The Seattle Supersonics and Phoenix Suns are turning heads as the two surprising division leaders. Seattle is taking advantage of the Timberwolves' struggles, taking a 12

game lead in the Northwest division with a 35-13 record. All-Star Ray Allen, who is ninth in the NBA in scoring with 24.2 points per game, has led the team thus far. The Suns are the highest scoring team in the NBA, averaging 109.7 points per game. Point guard Steve Nash is leading the NBA with assists at 11.3 per game. Nash has improved the play of teammates Amare Stoudemire, Shawn Marion and Quentin Richardson, who are all having their best seasons. With these teams, and the usual contenders, the Spurs and Kings, the Western Conference is still up for grabs.

In the Eastern Conference, we have unfortunately seen one of the ugliest events in NBA history. The Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons met and the game ended in a brawl that involved fans. The only player still suffering penalties from the brawl is Pacer's forward, Ron Artest, who is serving a year long suspension. The Pacers are half a game out of the last playoff spot as of last Sunday.

The Pistons, after a sluggish start, are leading the Central Division with a 30-19 record. It is under speculation, Pistons Coach Larry Brown, is considering leaving Detroit at the end of the season. He has expressed interest in taking over the coaching vacancy in New York, which Brown has reportedly called his "dream job."

For a surprise team in the Eastern Conference, look no further than the Chicago Bulls and the Washington Wizards. The "Baby Bulls" are one of the hottest teams in the NBA since their 0-9 start. Many fans believed the Bulls would not be contending this year. Nonetheless, they are in the seventh playoff spot and only five games out of first place in the Central Division.

The Washington Wizards have also been doing exceptionally well. They have a record of 30-20. They are second in the Southeast Division behind the Eastern Conference leading Miami Heat. Their team averages 101.8 points per game.

Gilbert Arenas is also having a great year for the Wizards. He is eighth in the NBA in scoring, averaging 24.9 points per game.

Indoor Track and Field sprints to PSAC Championships

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Indoor Track and Field teams had a busy weekend, competing at both the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East challenge at Kutztown on Saturday and the CTC Indoor Track Championship at the Armory in New York City on Sunday.

Chris Cummings led a successful weekend for Mansfield. Cummings won the 1,000-meter race at Kutztown in a new school record time. He followed that performance by winning the mile run and the 3,000-meter run on Sunday. Cummings finished off his day by anchoring the 4 x 800 relay team to a new school record time of 8:05.94.

Head Coach Michael Rohl has become accustomed to Cummings' greatness. "At this point I am not surprised at anything Chris does," Rohl said. "He has everything a runner needs, speed, work ethic and most of all the best natural racing instincts of anyone I have ever coached." Cummings was not the only Mansfield runner to have a huge weekend though.

Steph Cadwell excelled in a variety of events for the Mountaineers. She finished second in the pentathlon, putting in a strong effort to qualify for the PSAC Indoor Championships. Cadwell added to her weekend with positive results in four other events. She placed first in the 500-meters, sixth in the 800-



SPORTS INFORMATION

Cummings and Cadwell had strong performances this weekend at the CTC Indoor Track Championship.

meters, fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump.

Rohl credited Cadwell for being another anchor for the solid Mansfield effort. "Steph Cadwell was incredible," Rohl said. "She accounted for 28 individual points all by herself." The performances of Cummings, Cadwell and all the Mountaineers translated into a phenomenal result.

Both Mansfield teams finished third place out of over 20 teams in their respective Sunday competitions. Rohl thought his team's accomplishments were amazing. "With a small team that meant everyone had to do two or more events and they really pulled it together," Rohl said. "We had 28 personal or seasonal best and five school records in a day. I asked them to step up and perform as a team and they did." Mansfield hopes the positive outcome from the previous weekend will lead to an even better performance in their next meet.

The next meet will be the PSAC Championships at 1 p.m. on Feb. 26-27 at East Stroudsburg.

WARNER'S PREDICTIONS

NBA MVP: Steve Nash, Phoenix Suns: If you are looking at value, it is Nash hands down. When he was out with an injury earlier this season, the Suns looked lost on the offense. As soon as he returned, they became an offensive machine again. If he continues this pace, he should win it.

Honorable Mention: LeBron James, Cleveland Cavaliers

Rookie of the Year: Emeka Okafor, Charlotte Bobcats: Okafor leads rookies in scoring and rebounds with 14.8 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Honorable Mention: Loul Deng, Chicago Bulls

Comeback Player of the Year: Grant Hill, Orlando Magic Hill had ankle surgery. He has struggled to get healthy and he has done it. He is also a starting on the Eastern Conference All-Star team. He averages 18.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Honorable Mention: Drew Gooden, Cleveland Cavaliers

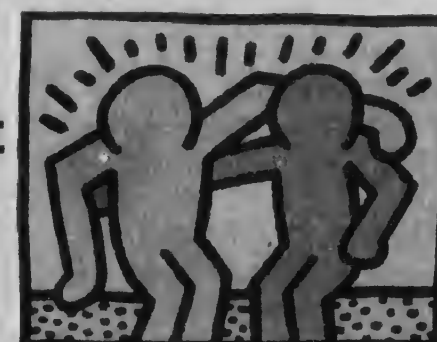
Coach of the Year: Paul Silas, Cleveland: He has taken a young team that almost made the playoffs and turned them into a contender in the Eastern Conference. He has also taken LeBron James and has made him one of the top players in the NBA. In addition, he brought out the talent from Drew Gooden that the NBA has been waiting for.

Honorable Mentions: Scott Skiles, Chicago Bulls

NBA Finals Match Up: Phoenix Suns vs. Miami Heat: Many people are expecting the Heat to represent the Eastern Conference with the amazing play of O'Neil and Wade, but the Suns have been sneaking up on everyone. With the type of running-offense that the Suns have, they will run their way through the Western Conference and the San Antonio Spurs to make it to the NBA Finals.

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Lady Mountaineers fall to West Chester

Mansfield Boxing Club steps back into the ring

Alison Tagliaferri scored a game high 18 points, but it would not be enough as West Chester University defeated Mansfield University 79-57 in a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference game at Hollinger Field House Saturday afternoon.

West Chester used long distance shooting, hitting 7-of-9 three-pointers in the first half to take a 39-25 lead at intermission.

Mansfield came out strong to start the second half, going on 12-3 run over the first five minutes, eight of which were scored by Tagliaferri, to close the gap to 42-37 with 14:45 left to play.

After calling a timeout, West Chester put together a 10-2 run of their own. The Mountaineers would never challenge for the lead again. West Chester held a 43-28 advantage in rebounds.

Stephanie Rieser had 14 points, five rebounds and four assists for Mansfield. Rieser is

20 points shy of becoming the tenth Mountaineer to reach the 1,000-point milestone.

Justine Pfaff led the Golden Rams with 17 points.

Mansfield will travel to Bloomsburg University on Wednesday, Feb. 16 for a 5:30 p.m. tip-off.



SPORT INFORMATION
Tagliaferri scored a game high of 18 points West Chester.

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Editor

The Boxing Club already has one silver medal and eight bronze medals; this year they are looking to bring home the ultimate prize, the gold medal. Not bad considering that the Boxing Club has only been active for 12 years on the Mansfield University campus.

Unfortunately, some funding and spatial problems may make the club's thirteenth year its last, at least on campus. Head Coach Dennis Garner hopes to take the team off campus. "We have had some problems with the university in terms of getting the space we need to train and some financial issues. If we make the club work off campus, I hope to have a ring for the boxers, instead of just an open room," Garner said.

Last semester ended on a positive note for the Mansfield University Boxing Club has returned for the semester. This year's team is small but yields big talent. Dan Lawrence, the team captain, Chris Phifer, Bryan Kinat and Ben Anderton make up the team.



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The first match up of this season took place on Feb. 12 in Gettysburg. Garner was very pleased with the results. Lawrence won against Davidson of Gettysburg College. Kinat boxed against Maduro of West Point. That match-up brought Kinat a loss after a 2-1, split decision. Anderton entered the ring to face Lopez of West Point. Anderton won the match.

No matter how well Coach Garner wants his athletes to do, safety is always the number one concern when competing. When fighting in a match, the overall attitudes of the coaches is for the team to have fun and fight well, but they will never allow a knockout to happen if they see one of the athletes having trouble.

"Boxing can be healthy, fun and exciting," Garner said. "We match boxers up with others on an equal level. My goal as a coach is to keep them healthy."

The next match up at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 at Shippensburg. The tentative line up shows Phifer, Anderton, and Kinat entering the ring.

The Mandatory meeting to discuss the COF Budget Hearing process will be held at

9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28 in 307 AHUB.

It is important that your organization is represented as sign-ups for Budget Hearings will be held.

Please have the individuals present who will be working on the 2005-06 Budget.

Questions may be directed to x4933 or stop in at 319 AHUB.

Important Dates (2005):

Monday, Feb. 28 - Budget Meeting

Monday, March 21 - 4 p.m. - 16 copies of Budget due in 320 AHUB

Monday, April 4 - Budget Hearings Begin

Monday, April 18 - Allocation Letters Mailed.



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mountaineers continue conference success while maintaining sole possession of first place in PSAC

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team maintained their hold on first place in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East despite a 1-1 week.

The Mountaineers began with a home showdown with Millersville on Wednesday, Feb. 9. The winner would leave Decker Gym with a hold on first place in the division. The two teams traded buckets early before the Marauders went on a 10-2 run to push out to a 21-14 advantage.

A Brandon DeShields free throw brought the Mountaineers back to a 27-point deadlock with 5:53 to go in the first half. Mansfield took the lead for good when Dave Hoopes hit back-to-back threes to give the Mountaineers a 35-29 lead.

After Millersville cut the margin to three, a call that went in Mansfield's favor served as a turning point. Jason Benson was fouled and was headed to the free throw line for two free throws. After hitting the first foul shot, Millersville Head Coach Fred Thompson was whistled for a technical foul after he refused to cease his argument with the officials. Benson hit the following three free throws, extending the Mansfield advantage to 39-32.

Mansfield scored five consecutive points to complete the run and put them ahead 44-32. Millersville responded with five quick points to make the score 44-37 Mansfield at the half.

A lay-up by Jeremy Frey at the 17:34 mark re-established the largest lead of the game for Mansfield at 51-39. The Marauders bounced back with an 11-5 burst that culminated with a Charlie Parker lay-up to cut the deficit to 56-50. The Mountaineers answered right back in the seesaw second half, as a Benson lay-up finished off a

6-0 run that put Mansfield back ahead 62-50.

The spread stayed between eight and 13 until the closing minutes when the Mountaineers pulled away. The dagger was delivered by Hoopes when he hit a three pointer from the left side with 3:13 left on the clock to make the scoreboard read 77-64 in favor of Mansfield. The Mountaineers cruised from there to an 85-72 victory.

Three Mountaineers posted double-doubles. Benson led all scorers with 23 points and 10 rebounds. DeShields added 13 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Carlos Collazo, the reigning PSAC East Co-Player

of the Week, chipped in with 15 points and 12 rebounds. The Mountaineers improved to 13-9 overall and 6-1 in the PSAC East. They posted their sixth consecutive triumph and avenged their only conference loss to that point.

Next up for Mansfield was a trip to West Chester. For those expecting a game similar to the first meeting between the two teams, a 53-50 Mansfield win at Decker Gym, they were sorely mistaken.

Both teams came out shooting well from the floor. West Chester jumped out in the first five minutes to a 20-10 lead, but Mansfield quickly put up five straight points to cut the deficit in half at 20-15. The Golden Rams maintained the lead throughout the first half, only being caught briefly by the Mountaineers. Mansfield managed to cut the difference to one at halftime, 49-48.

The halftime score almost matched the final score from the first meeting. Mansfield shot 65 percent from the floor in the first 20 minutes, but was matched by West Chester's 50 percent shooting combined with 18 points from the foul line to go into halftime with the slight lead. Benson and Hoopes paced Mansfield with 13 and 10 points respectively. The Golden Rams were led by 17 points from Matt Kurtz.

West Chester burst out of the gates in the second half, quickly extending their advantage. By

the midway point in the second 20 minutes, the Golden Rams held a 74-62 lead. From there, West Chester cooled off briefly to allow Mansfield to pull within 77-71 a couple minutes later. That was as close as the Mountaineers could get though.

The Golden Rams were on fire throughout the second half and never gave the Mountaineers a chance to recover. Mansfield was struggling to get contributions from their interior players, who spent most of the afternoon in foul trouble; stops were difficult to come by. In the second half, 70 percent shooting by the Golden Rams was too much for the Mountaineers to overcome as West Chester pulled away for a 101-88 victory.

Benson was Mansfield's leading scorer with 24 points. Brandon DeShields put up 15 points, four rebounds and four assists in the defeat. West Chester was led by a career-high 28 points by Kurtz.

The loss brought an end to Mansfield's six game winning streak. Mansfield fell to 13-10 on



SPORTS INFORMATION

Benson paced four Mountaineers in double figures with 24 points.

the season and 6-2 in the PSAC East while West Chester improved to 15-9 overall and 5-4 in the division. Mansfield now holds a half game lead in the PSAC East over Millersville.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Kress helped Mansfield hold first place in the PSAC by scoring 11 points. The Mountaineers are 6-2 in their division and 13-10 overall.

PSAC Basketball Standings

| <u>Eastern Division</u> | <u>PSAC</u> | <u>ALL</u> | | <u>Western Division</u> | <u>PSAC</u> | <u>ALL</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Mansfield | 6-2 | 13-10 | .565 | Edinboro | 6-2 | 19-4 | .826 |
| Millersville | 6-3 | 17-5 | .773 | IUP | 6-3 | 20-5 | .800 |
| E. Stoudsburg | 5-3 | 12-11 | .522 | Clarion | 5-3 | 16-7 | .696 |
| West Chester | 5-4 | 15-9 | .625 | Slippery Rock | 5-4 | 7-17 | .292 |
| Kutztown | 4-4 | 13-9 | .591 | Shippensburg | 4-4 | 14-9 | .609 |
| Bloomsburg | 2-7 | 6-18 | .250 | California | 3-6 | 13-10 | .565 |
| Cheney | 2-7 | 3-18 | .143 | Lock Haven | 1-8 | 3-20 | .105 |

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Hulm named new Director of Residence Life

By JASON PRZYBYCIEN

Flashlight Writer

Thomas Hulm, the new Director of Student Life, is learning how working with Mansfield University is different from his work with previous small town schools.

In his previous positions at Oklahoma and North Dakota state colleges, Hulm rarely had the opportunity to connect with students.

"In my previous job I could go a week without direct contact with students," Hulm said.

Hulm felt especially welcome when the All Residence Hall Council threw a reception celebration for him.

"I've experienced a very warm welcome into a community and family," Hulm said.

He finds the local community and scenery to be a pleasant change from working in North Dakota.

"I have never lived in the mountains and hills," Hulm said. "This area does not feel as desolate as Dakota. There are small towns there too, but with eighty miles in between them."

Hulm plans to gain an understanding of the Mansfield University family over the rest of the semester.

"I will primarily be an observer of the culture and why things work," Hulm said.

"Through that process I'll be thinking about what is serving students well and what isn't."

Hulm has been making the acquaintance of members of the Mansfield University family. He has already been making an impact.

"I've met him a number of times and he seems like a personable guy," Clarence Crisp, Director of Student Activities, said.

Hulm plans to make changes only after he learns more about the Mansfield area.

"I've seen many things done differently than I have done before," Hulm said. "It would not be prudent to start making changes without knowing the

culture. If I simply made a change without understanding it might have more of an impact than is needed."

Hulm is excited by the opportunity to learn directly from students about campus life.

"In bigger universities Residence Life is 75 percent business and 25 percent students," Hulm said. "Here in Mansfield there is a balance between students and business."

Hulm left his previous position after five successful years.

"I wanted change, so I looked for a small liberal arts school," Hulm said. "I had reached personal and professional limits at my old school."



PHOTO BY JASON PRZYBYCIEN
Thomas Hulm seeks to learn more about Mansfield to better improve the Residence Life office and department procedures.

Student organizations experience lack of involvement

By PAUL OVERWISE

Flashlight Writer

The Student Activities Office has reported that membership in student organizations has declined.

The Student Government Association (SGA) would like to have 35 senators, but due to the lack of interest there are only 22, according to President of SGA Elizabeth O'Dell. "There is a huge apathy amongst students," O'Dell said.

In the Communication Department, there are approximately 40 journalism majors. About a third work for *The Flashlight*.

"There are just some things you cannot learn in the classroom," Michael Peters, Editor-In-Chief of *The Flashlight* and General Manager of the radio station, WNTE-FM, said. "Some things have to be gained through experience."

Some students may be fearful of joining a group because of the added responsibilities.

"Responsibility scares students of our generation," O'Dell said.

This responsibility comes in the form of attending community service events, going to weeknight meetings or anything else involving a student's time.

"Many students don't believe they will be able to manage their time," Peters said.

Other reasons for not getting involved may include a part-time job and do not think they have the time for meetings and activities.

"Some people are highly involved in many groups, while other students come to school for the sole purpose of studying their course work or have fun," Peters said. "There are few people who are very

involved while many do nothing."

For students who have trouble balancing their school work, they often get less than spectacular QPAs. This could be another possible reason for the lack of participation. Many groups, including all fraternities and sororities, have requirements to become a member. Often times a requirement is having a QPA over a certain mark.

Could the organizations be at fault? There are 98 student organizations at Mansfield University. "I could only maybe name 30 to 40 of the organizations and I work with many of them," Peters said.

Many organizations do not make the necessary effort to get their name out. In turn, they lose out on members. "Most of the students are unaware of the opportunities available to them at

Mansfield University," Peters said.

There are many groups such as Best Buddies, Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC), Circle K and Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) that have seen significant increases in their membership within the last few years due to publicizing.

"We're up from five members, when we started in fall 2003 to 20 active members now," Tiffany Harris, President of Best Buddies, said.

Jeff Slep, President of CCC said, "We have an Outreach Team, Public Relations Director and we all get out and spread the word of the gospel." CCC membership is up from 40 to 50 members in fall of 2003 to 70 to 90 members that attend the meetings now.

In the spring of 2003, Circle K had six members. Now they have a membership of 25. President of

Circle K, Theresa Hornig said, "I work at the freshman orientation and I try to get incoming freshman to learn more about our organization." Beside her work at freshman orientation, Hornig and the other Circle K members make posters and place ads in *The Flashlight*.

"We really put a lot into our recruitment," Felicia Roberts of ZTA said. "We spend about a week preparing for rush." ZTA's membership is up from 12 in fall 2003 to 25 sisters this semester.

There are some obstacles preventing students from joining groups, such as added responsibilities, or membership restrictions.

Even with obstacles, it is possible to sustain and increase numbers as seen by groups like Best Buddies, CCC, ZTA or Circle K.

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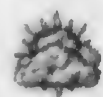
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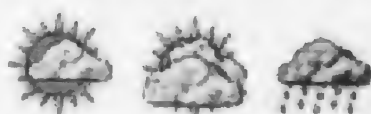


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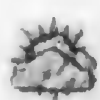
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Weekly Weather



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Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation

High: 22° Low: 8°

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 25° Low: 14°

SATURDAY



Snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 27° Low: 11°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation

High: 28° Low: 18°

MONDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 33° Low: 23°

TUESDAY



Snow showers with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 35° Low: 19°

WEDNESDAY



Scattered snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 34° Low: 17°

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Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Have empty cartridges?** Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fund-raiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorms.

★ **Female Students - Nominate Your Mentor:** Nominate your personal mentor, a male or female member of the Mansfield University community, by telling us how this person has made a difference in your life. If your nomination is selected, you will be invited to a reception with your personal mentor on Wednesday, March 30. Nomination form and instructions are online at www.mansfield.edu/%7Ewomens/mentor.doc. Contact Amber Johnson for more information at acjohnso@mnsfld.edu.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group through the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB from starting Feb. 8. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at ext. 5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu. The topic on March 1 will be social policy, healthcare, Social Security and welfare. Coming up after Spring Break, the discussion on March 15 will focus on current events.

★ **At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 in 307 AHUB Dr. Vincent Miles will be speaking for Black History Month.** Dr. Miles is from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

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Nutrition students study early eating habits with a hands on approach

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Students from Dr. Karen Wright's Nutrition Through the Lifecycle class had the opportunity to observe feeding behaviors of infants during the 11 a.m. class on Monday, Jan. 21. Although the demonstration was not graded, students were able to see lessons from the course's textbook illustrated in real life.

Kayla Hulbert, a senior at Mansfield University brought her half-brother, Wesley, to class for the demonstration. "I think this kind of experience is helpful for the class because a lot of people in the class don't have experience working with younger children," Hulbert said.

The demonstration involved babies of different ages. Some, as young as three weeks old, were fed by bottle and others were able to be fed solid foods. The demonstration was used to teach proper feeding techniques for small children and infants. Students of the nutrition class learned what types of feeding are appropriate in relation to different ages of children.

Parents of the children talked about whether their babies were



PHOTO BY DR. KAREN WRIGHT

Dr. Karen Wright held a demonstration for her nutrition students to show proper feeding techniques and learn early eating habits.

breast fed or formula fed, how much they weighed at birth and the kinds of foods the children are now exploring. Students were able to hold and feed the children using bottles of formula, baby food, Cheerios and animal crackers fortified with nutrients babies need like iron, calcium and zinc.

Braver students tried the baby food themselves. Just like babies, they enjoyed fruits better than the vegetables.

Sophomore Nutrition major, Nicole Dann thought the demon-

stration was helpful. "I think it was a good experience for all of us," Dann said. "We were able to learn through a hands on approach."

Since the course covers nutrition factors for all ages through the lifecycle, Wright will be holding similar demonstrations throughout the classes remaining. "We will be doing this again with toddlers," Wright said. "I find that a lot of students have not spent much time with babies and so it is good for them to interact with them and see the developmental stages they go through."

V-Day is not just Valentine's Day

By MARCI LIPPERT

Flashlight Writer

"The Vagina Monologues," a world renowned play written by Eve Ensler was presented by Mansfield University students this past week to help stop the violence against women and girls around the world.

"The Vagina Monologues" were a great thing to be involved in, being that all proceeds went to women's abuse help centers," Jen Evans said. "It helped many students and myself learn to respect women more and see the struggles women in other countries go through everyday." Evans, a junior at Mansfield, participated in "The Vagina Monologues."

Ensler's play, "The Vagina Monologues," is presented at 2,500 benefits all over the world and in all 50 states during the months of February and March. Mansfield University first performed the show two years ago and after numerous students expressed interest in the show,



PHOTO BY RONALD WISE

The cast of "The Vagina Monologues" just after their dress rehearsal on Feb. 15 in Steadman Theater.

Elizabeth Shaffer, Advocacy Program Coordinator decided to help present the show again. The Mansfield University President's Commission on the Status of Women agreed to sponsor the show and student director, Hillary Grumbine along with the help of cast members, put together a fund-raiser to help defray the cost of production.

Mansfield had a successful turnout of students from different

sexes, races and backgrounds. "Being a guy, I was surprised at how much I took pleasure in the play," Ryan Mantua, a junior baseball player said. "The acts were creative and really made you stop and think."

Overall the performances made \$1,558. All proceeds of this event will go to HAVEN, Bradford County ARCC, the Mansfield University Advocacy Program and the V-Day Fund for Women in Afghanistan.

Take an alternative spring break

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Campus Ministry's Protestant and Catholic campus ministers are taking students to Red Bird Mission, Kentucky for the tenth annual "Alternative Spring Break" next week.

Catholic campus minister Courtney Murphy Hull said the experience introduces students to the poverty in Kentucky," Murphy-Hull said. "The Mansfield group that goes to Red Bird Mission will do what it can to help those in need in Kentucky." This will be Murphy-Hull's fourth visit to Red Bird Mission.

Mansfield University Protestant campus minister, Reverend Deborah Casey will also be traveling. She said there are two goals for the trip. "We want to gain an understanding of the lives of the people we will be working for," Casey said. "This will help students involved to see the breadth of opportunities for volunteer service."

Murphy-Hull said this alternative to the traditional Spring Break offers students a chance to make a difference outside of Mansfield. "Traveling over spring break is a longer and more in-depth service opportunity. Instead of helping someone for a few hours, you get to help them for a week. You get to see how little things make people's lives easier," Murphy Hull said.

Casey agrees that helping people in Red Bird Mission has many long-term benefits. "We'll be discovering our commonalities in the midst of our differences and discovering that working for others teaches us as much about ourselves as it does about others," Casey said.

Casey also quoted part of Red

Bird Mission's purpose. "Their mission statement says Red Bird Mission's goal is to 'empower individuals and advocate justice through spiritual, educational, health and community outreach ministries,'" Casey said.

Murphy-Hull said the trip offers a chance to get out of their "comfort zones."

"You meet new and interesting people. It is important for all people to do something to help those in need. This 'Alternative Spring Break' means everyone can focus on the service they are doing because they won't have to worry about classes," Murphy-Hull said.

Murphy-Hull said other college and church groups also participate and are usually assigned different projects.

Casey and Murphy-Hull reflected on their last trip to Red Bird Mission. A woman named Joanne hosted our group. "Joanne was a special gift," Casey said. "She brought our team coffee and snacks every day."

The group was building a porch for Joanne who lived in a trailer.

Casey has participated in this "Alternative Spring Break" since it began in 1996. She believes it is all about the people. "Every year our trips are made memorable by the people," Casey said.

Casey and Murphy-Hull are excited about the trip. "It is a time to have fun, sleep in a van, do service, experience new things and get to know the people in the group more deeply," Murphy-Hull said. "I think it affects all people differently. No one is the same after they return from a mission experience."

Casey and Murphy-Hull are leaving for Red Bird Mission with four students March 5 and returning March 13.

'INVOLVEMENT'

When looking into CCC, there is an evident growth within this group. Attending the meeting makes you a member so there really are no membership restrictions.

The University originally had a rule restricting sororities from recruiting first-semester freshman. When this rule was taken off the books last year, ZTA flourished. In this case, the removal of a school restriction gave them the ability to grow.

While it would be easy to blame the students for the lack of participation, there are groups that could do

more to publicize and let students know what is available to them.

There is no one reason for the decline in participation. It is possible that students are less active and have less desire to get involved, but the organizations have to take as much responsibility for the lack of participation. The majority of the groups that go out and spread the word about their organization have experienced increasing numbers of participants.

"I feel the more we get our name out there, the more people know about what we do and the more interest there is in our group," Harris said.

What in the World

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

World News:

JERUSLAEM, ISRAEL - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon received cabinet approval on Sunday for two plans that will change Israel's relationship with Palestine. The plans will withdrawal Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip and prepare for the separation along the West Bank. After he received approval Sharon and his defense minister signed orders for the withdrawals to begin on July 20.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - On Friday Feb. 18 five suicide bombers set off their bombs at a police checkpoint on the evening before the Shiite holy day of Ashura. The attacks began around 12:30 p.m. and the last attack occurred at 2 p.m. The final death toll was at least 35 and 33 people were wounded.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - Ruud Lubbers resigned from his

position of high commissioner for refugees on Feb. 20, denying all sexual harassment charges against him. United Nations diplomats stated that if he didn't step down he would be removed from his position. The first complaint of sexual harassment was filed in May of 2004 and three more followed.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - The race for the position of prime minister has been narrowed down to two Shiite leaders. Dr. Ibrahim Jafari and Ahmad Chalabi are competing for the top position of prime minister in Iraq's new government when Adil Abdul Mahdi dropped out of the race on Tuesday Feb. 15.

LONDON, ENGLAND - England now joins nine other members of the European Union in allowing same sex partnerships. The Civil Partnerships Bill was passed last year and starting on Dec. 5 same sex couples may go to the reg-

ister office and notify them that they wish to form civil partnerships. After a 15-day waiting period they will sign an official partnership document in front of witnesses. Separately, on Monday the armed services said they would allow same sex couples to share family quarters.



National News:

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - On Tuesday Feb. 15 Paul R. Shanley was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in prison for raping a boy 20 years ago in the church where he had been pastor. He was convicted on two counts of child rape and two counts of indecent assault and battery of a child. Mr. Shanley, 74, was also barred

from having contact with any children under the age of 16.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Lance Armstrong announced on Wednesday Feb. 16 that he would be competing in this year's Tour de France. After considering his decision for over six months he said that he is looking forward to winning the Tour de France for the seventh year in a row. This year's Tour de France will be held July 2-24.

HONOLULU, Hawaii - Officials closed North Shore beaches on Wednesday Feb. 16 when a surfer, who was surfing at Rocky Point, reported being bumped into by an 8-foot tiger shark. The surfer's board was bitten but the surfer was unharmed.

DENVER, Colo. - Brent J. Brents was arrested after a man-hunt and

high speed chase and is under investigation for sexual assault and kidnapping. Brents is suspected of sexually assaulting at least five women and girls in Denver during February, of raping a woman in October, and has admitted to abusing an 8-year-old boy.

FORT WORTH, Texas - Police, after searching the home of Lisa Underwood believe that that Underwood and her son, Jayden may be the victims of a crime. Underwood, who is seven months pregnant and her son were reported missing on Saturday after not showing up for a baby shower that was being thrown for her at her business. Authorities on Monday located Underwood's blue SUV and expanded their Amber Alert to include Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Information taken from

www.nytimes.com and www.cnn.com

The Greek Letter: Fraternity and Sorority Report

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By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

Since the beginning of the semester, we have looked at several issues pertaining to Greek Life such as recruitment, campus involvement and star system updates and results. However, what we have yet to touch on is what each individual organization is about and what they have been doing. So for this week's Greek Letter, it's Fraternity and Sorority report time.

Alpha Sigma Alpha - The sisters of ASA, easily seen on campus with their bright red jackets, have been at Mansfield University since May 16, 1970, while their sorority has been active nationally since 1901. ASA's local mascot is the ladybug, their national mascot is Raggedy Ann and their colors are crimson and white.

Alpha Sigma Tau - AST, Mansfield University's oldest sorority, was founded locally in 1965. They were founded nationally in 1899, their flower is the yellow rose and the anchor is their symbol. AST currently resides in Pinecrest

Manor with all four sororities and two fraternities.

Delta Zeta - DZ is one of Mansfield's oldest sororities. Founded locally on March 12, 1966 and nationally on Oct. 24, 1902, the Delta Zeta mascot is the turtle, the kilarney rose is their flower and their jewel is the diamond. Delta Zeta's national philanthropy is the House Ear Institute which works with the speech and hearing impaired.

Zeta Tau Alpha - ZTA has been a part of the Mansfield University Greek system since May 18, 1970, while their national founding date is Oct. 15, 1898. Their mascot is the bunny, the flower is the white violet and their colors are steel gray and turquoise blue. The Eta Epsilon chapter of ZTA is very active on campus with well-known events like Big Man on Campus and their "Think Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness campaigns.

Phi Beta Sigma - PBS is currently Mansfield University's only traditionally black fraternity.

Founded in 1914 at Howard University by three young men, Phi Beta Sigma believes that the brothers are the fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. Their colors are blue and white.

Phi Mu Delta - PMD has been a part of the Greek Community at Mansfield since 1998, however, PMD has been around on a national level since March 1, 1918. Their colors are orange and black and their values system rests on the foundations of service, democracy and brotherhood.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon - Although SAE is the largest fraternity in the United States, founded nationally on March 9, 1856 with currently over 250 chapters nationwide, the Beta Phi chapter has only been at Mansfield since Nov. 9, 2004. As the newest fraternity at Mansfield University, the brothers of SAE have been working hard to recruit new members. The brothers of SAE have a mission to bring the return of "true gentlemen" to fraternity life.

Edge City seeks a new edge with students on campus

By LEAH BURROUS

Flashlight Writer

Edge City is now accepting annual submissions for the Spring 2005 publication. "*Edge City* is a student run literary magazine that comes out annually and usually in the fall semester," Dr. John Ulrich, Associate Professor of Language and Literature, said.

The magazine accepts poetry, short fiction, short non-fiction, philosophical and other writings. "All

Mansfield students are welcome to submit to *Edge City*," Ulrich said.

The issue is free to all Mansfield students and it is produced by the Mu Xi Literary Society.

Allison Armentrout, President of Mu Xi is looking forward to the latest issue. She is working with the largest group (15 people) since she joined the organization.

"I'm excited about what is going to happen this year," Armentrout said. "I think we will have a good issue."

Armentrout has several goals

for Mu Xi and *Edge City*. She wants to work hard to "ignite a love for reading" among students.

In addition, Armentrout wants to raise money for the Mansfield Public Library. She and Mu Xi also look to make a connection with the magazine and non-English majors

because Mu Xi is run by "traditionally English majors." *Edge City* was started for this reason in the 1980s, according to Armentrout. At this point, she feels it best to extend the opportunity and enjoyment

to all departments.

Since then, Mu Xi has sponsored Banned Books Week and the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities conference (an undergraduate literature conference). Mu Xi took a literary tour of Boston last year.

"I want to push Mu Xi in a direction that is not exclusively a club, but to get the community involved," Armentrout said.

All submission are to be sent to julrich@mnsfld.edu before March 31, 2005.

Edge City editors are now accepting submissions for the following:

- ❖ poetry
- ❖ short fiction
- ❖ short non-fiction
- ❖ philosophical works

How to confront your semester stress with success

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Are papers, projects and midterm exams making your stress level unbearable? Use these cures to buckle up and beat the stress.

Stress, anxiety and tension cause your adrenal glands to pump out stress hormones known as adrenaline and cortisol in reaction to the situation. If the adrenal glands overproduce these hormones, this weakens your immune system's ability to fight off disease.

Many try to cope with stress by drinking coffee, soda or alcohol. This, in fact, is the worst thing you can do. Caffeine, alcohol and sugar can actually increase the levels of stress hormones in your blood, increasing your amount of tension and anxiousness.

Each person is different in the way their body reacts to the stress, as well as the stressors that affect them physically. The most important area is the way one responds. To beat the stress, try these simple cures:

Fill a bathtub with warm water with one handful of baking soda, one handful of Epsom salt and one handful of salt. Soaking in this warm mixture will help to soothe muscles and relieve stress.

BenGay is not only for arthritis. Rub a bit of BenGay on your temples and massage gently. This will relieve the tension throughout your entire body.

Purchase a box of crayons and draw a picture on a piece of paper that expresses the way you are feeling. Your tensions, anxieties and frustrations will come out in your picture and your choice of colors will reveal your emotions.

Hit up the gym. Try walking 30 minutes per day on the treadmill. If it is a nice day, take your walk outside. The fresh air will invigorate you and along with the physical workout you will be relieving that built-up tension.

Buy a package of silly putty and squeeze it in the palms of your hands. This will calm your nerves and reduce pressure.



PHOTO BY KELLY ANN MURRAY
Too many teeth markings in your pencils? Try overcoming your semester stress with a home remedy.

Make a stress ball. Stretch a balloon, insert a funnel into the opening of the balloon and fill the it with flour. Tie a knot in the balloon and squeeze it to relieve tension.

Buy a package of bubble wrap and pop the bubbles with your hands or your feet. Not only is the popping sound soothing, it relieves the tension and anxiety you are experiencing.

Buy a slinky and bounce it between your two hands. Be sure to keep a slinky in your bag to relieve stress between classes.

Fill a long sock with tennis balls and tie a knot at the open end of the sock. Have someone roll the sock over your back and neck. This technique is often used to massage the backs of pregnant women in labor, but it is a therapeutic technique that can be used by anyone.

Try taking a hot shower with an aromatherapy body wash. Try Aveeno's stress relief body wash or a soothing aromatherapy.

Try deep-breathing. This brings oxygen into your blood and stimulates the the endorphins in your brain, kicking out tension and helping you to relax.

Source: www.mindtools.com

Stress: The Facts

Seventy-five percent of the population experiences some stress every two weeks.

Stress contributes to heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes and other illnesses in many individuals.

Antidepressants and anti-anxiety medications account for one fourth of all prescriptions used by U.S. citizens each year.

Stress also contributes to the development of alcoholism, obesity, suicide, drug addiction, cigarette addiction and other harmful behaviors.



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How well do you know "Full House?"

Answer the questions below to find your true knowledge of the sitcom

- While driving home from a gig, Jesse credits Bubba for saving his life. What is Bubba?
 - a Rock
 - a Snake
 - a Turtle
 - a Fox
- What is the name of Danny Tanners deceased wife?
 - Linda
 - Vicky
 - Rose
 - Pam
- What is the name of Joey Gladstone's recently refurbished car that found its way in to the Tanner kitchen?
 - Walter
 - Rosie
 - Suzanne
 - Emily
- Who is Michelle's first best friend?
 - Teddy
 - Howie
 - Tony
 - Henry
- What is the name of the Stephanie's number one pitch when she plays for the Giants in little league?
 - The Tanner Twister
 - Stephanie's slider
 - The Tanner Tornado
 - Judith's Juice
- What is Joey's middle name?
 - Maurice
 - Lewis
 - Alvin
 - Herbert
- What is Davey Chu's nickname in fourth grade?
 - The Human Spell Checker
 - The Human Encyclopedia
 - The Human Garbage Disposal
 - The Human Dictionary
- What was Jesse's original last name on "Full House?"
 - Katsopolis
 - Cochran
 - Stamos
 - Ruspantini
- How does Martin, Michelle's goldfish die?
 - Left out of his bowl
 - Given a bubble bath
 - Eaten by Comet
 - Old age
- What does Jesse inherit from Buzz Markel?
 - \$10,000
 - A classic guitar
 - An autographed picture of Elvis Presley
 - The Smash Club



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Social Security: Stress for seniors?

By GARY KENYON
Flashlight Writer

Now that President Bush is beginning his second term, many believe he has an ambitious agenda. One of his strongest items is his desire to partially privatize the Social Security program.

Begun during the Depression in the 1930s, Social Security has remained largely unchanged. The issue of privatization goes back at least to 1973. What is different now is that Bush has the support of a strong center-right coalition. Many of the nation's largest companies could stand to lose as much as \$50 billion if the campaign fails to pass and payroll taxes will possibly increase by one point.

Also included in the coalition are financial institutions that stand to make huge sums in handling and managing the private retirement accounts that privatization would create. Bush's idea is to have younger workers set up private accounts and he has said that older workers would be relatively unaffected. The coalition has hired at least 475 lobbyists and has millions of dollars available for lobbying and for ads in the nation's media.

The President says the Social Security program will soon, in just

a few years, collapse, with fewer workers in the work force and with so much of the Baby Boomer generation getting close to retirement.

On the other hand, opponents of his plan say that Social Security will remain viable for decades and that to make drastic changes now is both unnecessary and premature. The political issues at stake and the forces involved mean that clarity for the public is murky at best.

Bush's plan would call for younger workers to set up private retirement accounts, but the program would remain largely unchanged for older workers. Clearly with so much at stake, this could possibly be a nasty fight. Some of the forces involved are conservative groups such as: Cato, the Heritage Foundation, the National Center for Policy Analysis, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the Club for Growth, Progress for America, Freedomworks, Americans for Tax Reform and the Free Enterprise Fund.

As this campaign and the opposition to it make their voices heard, the issues at stake will hopefully begin to sort themselves out. President Bush clearly wants to see his efforts succeed during his second term.

Movie Review: *The Village*

By NATHAN HERRING
Flashlight Writer

Imagine what it would be like to live in a small old-fashioned village in Pennsylvania, where an unknown breed of creatures terrifies the village people. The people of *The Village* deal with this terror on a daily basis.

M. Night Shyamalan, the creator of *The Sixth Sense*, *Unbreakable* and *Signs*, has released his newest horror movie *The Village* on DVD. *The Village*, starring Joaquin Phoenix, Sigourney Weaver, William Hurt, Adrien Brody and newcomer Bryce Dallas Howard, examines an isolated village in Pennsylvania where unknown creatures live in the woods surrounding the town's border. It is produced by Touchstone Pictures and is rated PG-13.

The woods surrounding the village house a terrifying creature known to the people as "Those we do not speak of." They are said to have long claws, wear red cloaks and are attracted by "the bad color," red. The villagers become frightened when "Those we do not speak of" start coming into the town and leave warnings.

Lucious Hunt (Phoenix) asks permission from the village elders to venture into the woods to go to the "towns" and get medicine for the village. Ivy



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Bryce Dallas Howard plays Ivy Walker in M. Night Shyamalan's latest thriller, *The Village*.

Walker (Dallas), who is blind, falls in love with Lucious and she demands he does not go. As the story progresses Noah Percy (Brody), mentally challenged and in love with Ivy, learns of Ivy's plan to marry Lucious and stabs him. This forces Ivy to venture into the woods to reach the towns and retrieve medicine to save Lucious' life.

The Village has many twists and turns that will keep you on the edge of your seat and guessing what will happen next. It may not be scary to some, but the suspense

and drama make up for the lack of horror. The movie is worth watching and is yet another of M. Night Shyamalan's classics.

The ending of the movie may surprise you and may possibly bother some, but will definitely challenge you to think. Not much more can be said about this thriller. It may spoil the surprises.

If you enjoy this movie, you may also enjoy Shyamalan's *Signs* and *The Sixth Sense*. Also, Be sure to check out another new rental release thriller, *The Forgotten*.

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Rental Reviews - Finish February with a fun flick

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH

Flashlight Writer

The following four films range from dramas to tearjerkers. At the end of each review will be a rating based from 1-10, so do not forget to keep that in mind:

Comedy

Cookout,

One hour and 37 minutes

Rated PG-13

Release Date: Jan. 18, 2005

Directed by: Lance Rivera

Actors: Ja Rule, Tim Meadows, Storm P and Queen Latifa

This black-humor comedy has moved from theatres to rental stores with a low critic rating. Now that it is released, the viewers can decide themselves. After National Basketball Association athlete (Ja Rule) becomes rich due to a contract signing, he decides to host a house party at his new mansion. Inviting family and friends to his new suburban "crib," he has problems with the neighborhood. Especially with the neighborhood watch dog (Latifah). After things go wrong, the law is involved and the party continues at gunpoint. However, this comedy

falls short on my list with a rating of 3.8. *Cookout* has its moments, but drugs along with African-American stereotypes and drug usage make black humor just not that funny.

Thriller

The Forgotten,

One hour and 31 minutes

Rated PG-13

Release Date: Jan. 18, 2005

Directed by: Joseph Ruben

Actors: Julianne Moore, Antony Edwards, Gary Sinise and Dominique West

The Forgotten is a movie on a more serious note. This suspense film keeps you watching with both eyes open. In this critically acclaimed thriller, when Telly (Moore) loses her child, she seeks confidence in therapist, Dr. Muncie (Sinise). The therapist concludes that her son never existed. When she tries to put the pieces together of her son's death, she unravels a mystery of a man similar to her situation. Desperately trying to solve this mystery, she goes to ends to discover a conspiracy to prove that her son really existed. With her world rapidly changing, she

becomes unaware of her life. The people she knows are strangers to her. With continually shocking twists, one will remain on the edge of the seat. In ratings, I must give it a 5.7. It is a good film, but more of a one time film; although it was exciting, the ending was lacking and left me wanting more.

Drama

Vanity Fair,

Two hours and 21 minutes

Rated PG-13

Release Date: Feb. 1, 2005

Directed by: Mira McNair

Actors: Reese Witherspoon, Gabriel Byrne, Rhys Ifans, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Romola Garai and James Purefoy

William Makepeace Thackeray's novel turned film, *Vanity Fair*, brings the story of a poor girl who climbs the ladder of social nineteenth century England. Becky Sharp (Witherspoon) uses seduction, wit and charm by manipulating a rich socialite family and marries into a life of wealth, greed and alcohol. But once at the top she must remain there and will do anything to stay there. She seeks this



PHOTO BY DANIELLE DICKERSON

Still too cold out for outdoor fun? Warm up indoors with a new movie.

place out of desperation when she seeks aid from the powerful Marquess of Steyne (Byrne). This realistic fiction film provides a true sense of old-fashioned wealth, societal life and greed in historical England along with beautiful costumes and backgrounds, a grand ensemble of actors and a script adaptation that are unprecedented to many recent films. In ratings this movie succeeds with an 8.3.

Romance

The Notebook,

Two hours and four minutes

Rated PG-13

Release Date: Feb. 8, 2005

Directed by: Nick Cassavetes

Actors: Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, James Garner, Sam Shepard and James Marsden

Lastly, in this adaptation of the Nicholas Sparks novel, *The Notebook* comes the story of true love and romance. This film begins with a man who reads stories from a notebook to a patron in a nursing home. Of course, the stories he reads to her is the tale of a girl, Allie (McAdams) and her love, Noah (Gosling). Never approved by her parents, Noah leaves for the war and does not return until several years later, where Allie is engaged to a much more respectful man. Now, she must choose between her old and her new loves. If any one is having troubles with relationships and has some deciding or choosing to do, this is quite the film for inspiring. I give this film an 8.5. Remember to keep a box of tissues beside you during this film. It will make you cry.

Suffering from a broken heart

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

Do you remember that first love?

Do you remember the way you felt when you broke up with them? Some of you might have thought your heart would break when they left you.

Doctors at John Hopkins University say there is now evidence for a condition known as stress cardiomyopathy, or "broken-heart syndrome." According to doctors, the loss of a loved one could result in this syndrome.

A study published shortly before Valentine's Day this year shows the heart can be stunned by the loss of a loved one. Many symptoms resemble those of a heart attack, including fluid in the lungs, chest pain, and a shortness of breath.

None who suffer from the syndrome die. In fact, the heart damage suffered is only temporary. The patients are hospitalized for a relatively short time. The condition reverses itself when the patient drinks plenty of fluids and rests.

The experience is not limited to people who have lost a loved one. People who witness a tragic or shocking event may also get broken-heart syndrome.

Doctors have linked emotional changes to heart attacks for over a century, but broken-heart syndrome was not explained until recently. Doctors did not have enough evidence until this year.

John Hopkins University doctors published an article about the syndrome in the *New England Journal of Medicine* last week. The study involved comparing the physical differences between a heart attack and broken-heart syndrome.

According to these doctors, excess amounts of adrenaline can result in a decrease in how fast the heart pumps. Other hormones related to stress also play a role.

Stress hormone levels are two to three times higher in patients with broken-heart syndrome than in those with heart attacks.

This was studied over the course of 24 hours. The doctors

believe the syndrome results in chest pains and shortness of breath in people with the syndrome.

These doctors are the first to identify this phenomenon in the United States. Japanese doctors earlier labeled the syndrome.

The doctors treated 19 patients to test their theory. The patients reported symptoms of a heart attack. The symptoms started shortly after tragic or stressful events, such as the news of a death. None of the patients showed signs of blocked arteries. The doctors diagnosed the patients with broken-heart syndrome. Doctors found that the patients showed improvements in health within a few days. All patients were fully recovered two weeks later.

Sidney Smith is a spokesperson for the American Heart Association. Smith said many cases of broken-heart syndrome are misdiagnosed as heart attacks.

It is hoped that the study will help other doctors diagnose broken-heart syndrome more accurately.

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The Food Network programs spice up television

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

In a world of reality television and reruns, it goes without saying that seekers of fine entertainment may be left less than satisfied. With the major networks lacking the beloved sitcoms of the 1990s, some may say that today, the television well has run dry. But before throwing out the old set and swearing to shun television for all of eternity, tune in to one cable channel gaining popularity among viewers of all ages: the Food Network. Providing viewers with a diverse offering of programs, the Food Network is cooking up entertainment for people of all ages.

"Good Eats"

Watch "Good Eats" if you enjoy: Monty Python humor, "The Daily Show," "Conan O'Brien" or The Discovery Channel.

With his witty personality and playful innuendos, "Good Eats" host, Alton Brown, uncovers the science behind everyday cuisine. A program best described as "Bill Nye the Science Guy" meets "Emeril Live," "Good Eats" provides its viewers with information about today's cooking trends, food customs and kitchen equipment, while incorporating humorous skits and dialogues throughout the program. With shows entitled, "What's up Duck?" and "This Spuds for You," Brown sets the tone for his unique take on cooking demonstrations from the get go.

"Good Eats" is an appropriate choice for viewers interested in

improving cooking skills or those with an appreciation for corn-ball humor. Although "Good Eats" is a kitchen based Food Network program, the show's entertainment factor stands alone.

"Good Eats" airs at 7 p.m. on weekdays and at various times on weekends.

"\$40 a Day"

Watch "\$40 a Day" if you enjoy: The Travel Channel.

Lately it seems as though Rachel Ray, star of the hit show "30 Minute Meals" has taken over the Food Network. Why shouldn't she? Ray's perky persona and girl-next-door appeal has surely granted Food TV with a recipe for success. Rachel Ray currently hosts three Food TV programs. In addition to "30 Minute Meals," Ray is entertaining viewers with her newest show, "Inside Dish" and the popular program "\$40 a Day."

"\$40 a Day" invites viewers to travel the globe with Ray as she uncovers some of the best eateries the world has to offer. With the limited budget of \$40 in hand, Ray proves that a large stomach does not have to equal a large wallet. The "\$40 a Day" host stretches her cash over three square meals and often has funds to spare for drinks or dessert at the end of the show.

Aside from highlighting some of the world's best privately owned restaurants, "\$40 a Day" also uncovers local attractions and provides tips about the locations for vacationers.

"\$40 a Day" airs at noon on weekdays and at various times on weekends.

"Iron Chef America"

Watch "Iron Chef America" if you enjoy: The original "Iron Chef" or "MXC (The Most Extreme Elimination Challenge)."

Food Network stars Bobby Flay, Mario Batali and Masharu Morimoto represent the best chefs in the U.S. as they take on challengers from all fifty states. Based on the hit Japanese program, "Iron Chef," the show presents American chefs with the opportunity to take on some of the biggest names in food.

Challengers arrive to the famed Kitchen Stadium where they then select which chef they will battle. The competition is on when the episode's secret ingredient is unveiled. With ingredients ranging anywhere from chocolate to trout; the chefs must quickly prepare a number of dishes in 60 minutes. The moment of truth arrives after a panel of celebrity judges select "whose cuisine reigns supreme."

Chairman Mark Dacascos begins the show and "Good Eats" host, Alton Brown, adds a pinch of humor to "Iron Chef America" as commentator.

New episodes of "Iron Chef America" air at 9 p.m. on Sunday's. Reruns of "Iron Chef," both the American and Japanese versions, air at 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. on weekdays.

"Unwrapped"

Watch "Unwrapped" if you enjoy: The History Channel or The Discovery Channel.

Host Mark Summers explains the origins of some America's most beloved food on the Food TV show "Unwrapped." This show uncovers the history and production secrets



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"Good Eats" Alton Brown is also the author of the 2004 book, *I'm Just Here for More Food*.

of popular foods from baked goods to breakfast cereals.

Organized by snack subject, some episodes of "Unwrapped" focus on a particular types of food and others are based around fare found at holiday times or special occasions. In each show, viewers are given a peek into the kitchens and factories where there favorite food is created. Summers further defines the items by addressing the products beginnings though interviews with the inventors or current manufacturers.

Love those little bite-sized

brownies in Ben and Jerry's ice cream? Can't resist forking over a quarter for a gumball? "Unwrapped" will expose how these products came to be beloved by millions.

"Unwrapped" airs at 7:30 p.m. on weekdays and at various times on weekends.

"Inside Dish"

Watch "Inside Dish" if you enjoy: Oprah, "Cribs" or Rachel Ray.

Rachel Ray is at it again, this time dishing with celebrities about their favorite foods on one of Food TV's newest shows, "Inside Dish."

Fans will covet Ray's job as she hangs out in the kitchens of stars like Cheech Marin, Raven Symone, Joe Perry and Tony Danza. "Inside Dish" explains the secrets of celebrity diets and provides recipes from the "A" lists of these famous faces.

Recent episodes include recipes for Morgan Freeman's salmon croquettes and Raven Symone's baked zits. Like most of the food prepared on Food TV, all of the recipes demonstrated on "Inside Dish" can be found on www.food.tv.com.

"Inside Dish" does not air on a set schedule. Information about program times can be found at www.foodtv.com.



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"Iron Chef" was aired in Japan from Oct. 1993 to Oct. 1999. The Food Network broadcasts the English dubbed show in the U.S.



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Rachel Ray offers several cookbooks featuring her recipes.

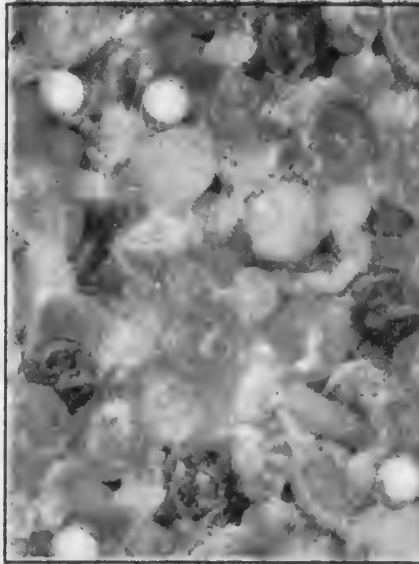


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Learn the facts about favorite foods on "Unwrapped."

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By **MICHAEL PETERS**
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

In one of my classes this semester, a good portion of the discussion focuses on family relationships. Each week, I listen to people talk about how close they are with their families while often raising my hand to offer the differing view. I grew up an independent child.

My parents are the busiest pair of people to my knowledge. To this day, they do everything on the go, even their parenting. It seems as if they never slow down, always take on what seems to be too much and still manage to get by while thirsting for more of a challenge. They had a unique way of raising their children; instill complete freedom in them and hope they grow up in one piece.

This seemed like a great thing while I was younger. I was always the last kid to leave the playground. There was never a time in which I

Independence from the start sounds great, however, do not believe everything you hear

had to be home at a certain time for dinner like my friends. A family dinner only occurs on Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter at the Peters house. I never had to stop playing baseball because it was "too dark" for me to be outside. I went inside when I took a ground ball in the teeth because I could not see the ball any longer.

My parents were the only set in the neighborhood who did not know where their child was at all times. Their son was the only child who had the freedom to do what he pleased, when he wanted. I was the envy of all my friends. Well, at least my parents were. I sincerely hope I have never been the envied party. At the time, I would not have traded my place for anything.

However, over the past few years I have found myself to be immensely jealous of those who have a family that makes time

for the occasional, seemingly meaningless conversations.

During my last two years of high school, I began dating a girl who has what she said to be overprotective parents. Her version of overprotective was having a curfew, letting them know where she was going, whom she was going with and when she would be back. All four of those were foreign in my house. I wanted that.

Once, as we were leaving my house, I told my father where I was going and when to expect me back. He turned around with a blank stare and asked, "Why are you telling me this?"

When I hear some one complain about how their parents are always in their lives, asking monotonous questions and expressing concern for their whereabouts, I begin to feel bad for them. Not because they lack the freedom my parents

gave to me, but because they do not know how fortunate they are to have as parents involved in their lives.

I often joke about my parents with my sister, saying, "If mom and dad had not been our teachers, we would probably never have seen them." The sad thing is that it may be true.

Bashing my parents for their parenting style is no the intent of the piece. I do not think I would change how my parents raised me, because I am proud of the person I am today. The intent is to open the eyes of those of you whom this applies.

The next time you think your family is overwhelming and overbearing; remember that many people are not lucky enough have that luxury. Believe me; from the outside looking in, parental involvement is a luxury.

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Is Mansfield University as diverse as its administration claims?

By NIJA SMITH

Flashlight Writer

Are we still living in a White America? We say that our nation is a 'melting pot' of different cultures which creates a beautiful rainbow of different skin tones and ethnicities. Everyone is considered equal by lawful right according to the United States Constitution. America's ancient ways of racism, suppression and genocide are buried along with the people who conceived them. With this taken into consideration, Mansfield University is a place of diversity. We have campus organizations, programming and even courses surrounding various cultural themes. What more can you ask for?

The American government claims that the *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision allows racial integration, followed with educational equality in schools. But from an Afro-American perspective, America and its educational system continues to be a culturally biased and culturally suppressing. A few brown faces scattered throughout our classrooms, staff and faculty is

not grounds for total equality.

The Afro-American culture is continually restrained and contained. Take our language for example, which has now adopted the term of Ebonics or ebony-phonics. It is considered improper and inappropriate for blacks to use their own authentic diction to express a thought or situation. White Americans do indeed possess culturally influenced vocabulary which is considered acceptable and even encouraged in situations both professional and casual. It is considered literal genius when phrases like "shooting the breeze" is examined by an English language specialist and "wanna" is simply the easier or more casual version of "want to." But if an Afro-American should say "chillin' with my homies" or "y'knowmean" it is a monstrosity that should be banished from our language, unacceptable in literary work and professional conversation. It is a piece of our culture, which is in fact the essence of who we are. Yet, in this "culturally accepting" nation, it is labeled inadmissible.

If one should examine our nation's history in a realistic sense,

one would find that Columbus did not discover America nor were the natives overjoyed to see their societies become "civilized," Neil Armstrong did not walk on the moon and overall the Europeans and their descendants are not as great as they would appear to be as a common history book may have you believe. To be equal, professors must teach of the powerful African kingdoms and how they were destroyed by European invasion, the gruesome reality of slavery in America and the blood, sweat and tears of African descendants to make this country what it is today. Are those points in your American history class's syllabi?

Furthermore, what did you learn in your classes in regard to Black History Month? The celebration and acknowledgment of all of the contributions that people of African decent have made to the American society and we have been tremendously instrumental in the development of this society. Given our history, both here and areas all over the globe, one would assume that credit would be given where it is due, especial-

ly in America and a culturally diverse campus like Mansfield University, but the contrary exists.

Mansfield University is also known for its dynamic music department. Some critics have even referred to it as one of the best in the state of Pennsylvania. Interestingly enough, there is not one black professor in the music department. One may ask what black people have to do with quality music; the kind of music that is not heard at The Hut on weekends. Without the creative minds and souls of black folks, we would not have rock-n-roll, rhythm and blues, jazz, rap, reggae, gospel, hip-hop or pop music. How ironic. Once a student walked into Mansfield's fitness center in hopes of listening to a CD while she exercised, but the rules state everyone must ask permission from an employee of the facility, who are the only people allowed to operate the stereo equipment. When she asked to have her CD played, the employee asked her if the music was "ghetto." If I am not mistaken, the word ghetto was a confinement for Jews in Nazi

Germany, but today the word has evolved into a derogatory term which is most often associated with the impoverished lives of Afro-Americans. To my understanding Jay-Z is a multimillionaire.

The overall idea here is to examine how we think. It is easy to get conned into thinking that freedom is ringing from sea to shining sea. Get out of the box and look at the way our society and Mansfield University is functioning. Why is this important? Because soon our generation will be ruling this nation and we must do what is best. White students please do not turn your heads away in shame or guilt. Silence can be another form of support for what is wrong. Speak up for what is right and educate yourself on the truths of this world. Do not let the media, your friends, your parents or your professors dictate what you should think.

Malcolm X once said, "You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it."

From Mansfield to NYC, this hard rockin' life I lead ain't easy

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

This past weekend, I had to go to New York City with the rest of the guys in my band, Slightly Askew. We went was to meet with our producer and to start tracking our 'debut' album. I use the term 'debut' loosely, considering that the band has been around a while and we have put out some indie stuff. This will be, hopefully, a debut of our band not sounding like crap.

The point I am not trying to make is a "bite me everybody from Mansfield University who talked crap about us" point. For those of us that actually remember anything about my band or that I even am in one, a lot has changed. Members have changed, attitudes have changed and style has changed. Besides, recording an album does not mean we are going to sell any copies of it.

My larger point is that nothing is ever easy. As I reflect on these 21 nearly 22 long years of existence,

I realize that I have spent many of them trying to put myself in the most economical position possible. That is, I used to strive to get the maximum benefit I could out of life while putting forth the least possible effort. This, it seems, is a great idea. It generally appeals to most people. If it did not, there would not be any lottery tickets or casinos.

The problem with this idea, naturally, is that it is unobtainable. Mind you, this column is not turning into some sort of existential lament that I cannot realize all my dreams of what my life should be, but rather, this column is an awakening to the notion that anyone who has dreams cannot possibly live this economical life.

Why?

Because nothing is ever easy. But is not the whole point of the lottery is that it's easy? Well not really. Well okay, yes and no. Yes, it is easy that if in some magic circumstance where

you devote your life to buying tickets and one day win the jackpot, you have obtained your dreams. Yet, if one were to actually devote themselves to the idea of buying a whole slew of lottery tickets and doing this with all of possible capability, he or she would most likely spend a good portion, if not all, of their life stricken with poverty; and that would be undeniably difficult.

Thus my dreams of being a rock star and traveling the country while making a livable salary for hanging out with my friends and playing music are meeting some stumbling blocks. It is so easy to tell people "Look at me, I am in a band and we are recording an album with our producer in New York City," but it is so hard for me to say "Hey, recording in New York City is flipping hard." After all, you guys really do not give a crap.

Recording is hard.

Saturday, I left at 9 a.m. to meet

up with my bass player at 10:30 a.m., so we could meet up with our guitar player at 1 p.m., so we could make it to the city by 3 p.m.

Upon arriving in the city, we began recording and recorded long into the night and morning. At 5 a.m., Sunday, my drummer and I took the train back to his apartment in New Jersey. I slept on his futon for three hours before getting up and going back into the studio until 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m., we packed up and left for home. At 11 p.m. we arrived in Allentown Pa., stuck in the snow. At 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, I ate my breakfast, lunch and dinner for Sunday that consisted of roughly 1.5 pieces of shredded wheat. I arrived in Mansfield at 7 p.m. on Monday and returned to my crappy apartment that smells like my neighbor's drug habit, a butt-load of work to do, people who either do not know of, dislike or hate my band and no clean underwear.

Big deal, right?

My point is this: I have finally realized something that I wish I had realized a long time ago. Even the good life is hard. Sure, hearing celebrities whine about having millions of dollars gets old, fast. While I have no desire to be an awesome celebrity or belief that I ever will be one, I have come to believe that no matter how excited you are about what you are doing or how happy you feel about where you are, there is still going to be problems and it is still going to be work. So it does not matter if you are a poverty stricken lottery extraordinaire or a stay at home mom, the things you really want and really appreciate are the ones that take the most work.

I come to you, Mansfield, a slacker no more. Unless of course I am taking a class I do not care about. In that case I am still a slacker, but barring this stipulation, I am no longer a slacker, because even rocking ain't easy.

Warning: What you are about to read is absolutely nuts

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I know that the topic of player loyalty is beat into submission. However, I do not often see much discussion regarding the loyalty of fans in athletics.

Currently, I believe the undying support from the fans is lost in a sea of player strikes, steroid allegations, ill mannered off the court problems and on the court as well as in the stands violence. I understand supporting some of these professional hooligans can often be a chore, but without the necessary support, both monetarily and expressively, as a whole, the leagues will falter; case in point, the National Hockey League.

For those who find it imperative to take interest in a particular team in order to enjoy the sport, I know the feeling. Why else would I like the New York Mets and the Minnesota Timberwolves? It obviously is not for their menacing threat of success in their respective leagues. The Mets have won two championships in their 43 seasons in Major League Baseball. The Wolves, zero, a total they have been clinging to since their inception in the National Basketball Association in 1989.

Many people ask me why I refuse to flea the sinking ship, often referred to as the Mets and take comfort in a logical winning

team, like the Atlanta Braves, at least in the National League East or the New York Yankees, both of whom are teams in which not one Mets fan should root for. The only exception is when the Braves and the Yankees compete against each other. Even then, like many Mets faithful, I wish for each team's planes to mysteriously disappear in the air or for each player to be stricken with lupus. If I have not already proceeded to walk away from the short-lived conversation muttering an inappropriate and thus unprintable rebuttal, I vocalize my second thought, the more appropriate response. I believe that a true fan will support his or her team of choice in both the good times and the bad.

I have and will always be a fan of the New York Mets, no matter their record or standing. Believe me; it is tremendously difficult at times. For example, in the 1993 season, the Mets finished last in the National League East with a not-so-impressive 59-103 record. They were one of the most awful teams I have had to endure in my baseball viewing. However, I stood by them through it all. Even though, I knew that at 10-years-old, I could probably field a fly ball better than Mets right fielder Bobby Bonilla.



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Gareth Thomas of Wales lead his team at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

The support given by the fans funds much of a team's facility as well as the players' salaries. An undying loyalty is a gift in which full gratitude can only be shown in team success.

I pose two questions to those who engage themselves in this piece of writing. Before I inquire, think of your favorite team and how loyal you are to them.

Question number one: what would you be willing to put on the line in regards to your team's success? This may be a possession, money, a bar tab, a future meal or in extreme cases, family members.

Question number two: how valuable is keeping your word, no matter the extremity of the claim?

If you feel maintaining your

promise is a testament to your loyalty towards your team, I commend you. I feel the same way. However, I sincerely doubt most people fashion the same will to their word as 26-year-old Welsh rugby enthusiast, Geoff Huish.

For lack of better words, Huish *had* the testicles needed to follow through on a losing wager in the outcome of a rugby game between Wales and England on Feb. 5. Note the emphasis on the word "had" in that previous statement.

Prior to the match, England owned a 12-year win streak at the Millennium Stadium, Wales' home field. According to the *Daily Mirror*, so confident in England extending their streak, Huish proceeded to make a wager in which many presumed was anything but serious.

Among friends at club in Caerphilly, south Wales, these words echoed. "If Wales win I'll cut my balls off," Huish said.

Much to the dismay of the England faithful, especially Huish, Wales snapped their 12-year home losing streak after defeating the opposition, 11-9.

A man of his word, Huish went home after the game and severed his testicles with a knife. He then walked 200 yards, returning to the scene of the pledge to show his friends he was in fact, true to his word.

To no surprise, Huish required immediate medical attention.

Would you like to think about your previous answers for a second? Are you that committed to your team? I sincerely hope not, at least not to that extent. Of course, I would hope proper judgment is taken, long before genitals or other extremities.

I consider myself a loyal fan of the Mets. I was three-years-old when they won the World Series in 1986 at Shea Stadium. Unfortunately, I cannot honestly say I remember seeing the home dugout erupt, empty and pile atop reliever Jesse Orosco as he recorded the final out of the Series, striking out Boston Red Sox second baseman Marty Barrett.

I can vividly replay the highlights of the '86 World Series in my head. However, I cannot imagine the feeling that must have swept through the Mets nation when their 17-year championship drought ended.

I would give up a great deal to witness a similar magnitude of Met success in the future. Although I tip my hat to Huish for his outstanding commitment and team-loyalty, I will always regard the jewels already in my possession far more important to me than I do the ones encrusted in any championship ring the Mets could obtain.

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Hot Topic

Rivalries Rule: Top five rivalries in sports

By NOAH BANNER-BAINE

Flashlight Sports Writer

There are rivalries and then there are great rivalries, which over time have faded. For example, the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers during the 1950s or the Boston Celtics and The Los Angeles Lakers throughout the 1960s until 1980s. Then there are the rivalries which are legendary lasting through generations, a kind of sports feud passed from generation to generation. On that note, I present the top five sports rivalries today.

No. 5: Duke Blue Devils and the North Carolina Tar Heels

Not only are the two schools right down the road from one another, but usually when the two teams meet it has a significant impact on college basketball. From 1988 through 2001 either Duke or North Carolina appeared in every final four, except for 1996. Fans of the two schools go ballistic every time these teams meet, with the visiting team's fans packing their enemies arena. Even when one team is beating the other on a regular basis, this rivalry never loses its prestige and luster.

No. 4: Colorado Avalanche and Detroit Red Wings

Although this is a newer rivalry, very few can match its intensity. This is one of the few rivalries in sports where the opposing players do not like each other. Every time these two teams meet, the fans of the National Hockey League hold their breath in anticipation of a brutal, hard hitting game probably filled with cheap shots and fights.

No. 3: Washington Redskins vs. Dallas Cowboys

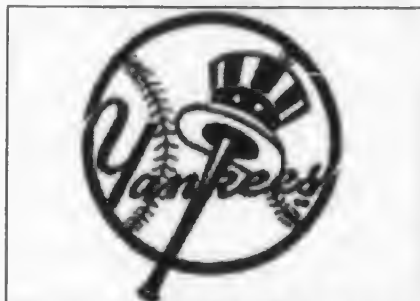
This is one of those rivalries that both teams circle on the calendar because of the burning desire to not just beat, but crush the other team. This is one of the largest rivalries in sports mainly because of the history between these two teams. It had mellowed out in recent years because of the mediocrity of both teams, but got an old school boost when Joe Gibbs and Bill Parcells, respectively, agreed to coach the two teams.

No. 2: Green Bay Packers vs. Chicago Bears

They do not call the National Football Conference North division the black and blue division for noth-



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ing and a large part of that is the rivalry between these two football giants. These two clubs have been battling since the 1920s and have hated each other ever since. Everything about these two clubs is legendary, from the uniforms to the stadiums, to the constant stream of hall of famers that each club has produced. When these two teams meet, fans everywhere circle the date on the calendar because they know that it will be one of the best games of the season, not only because the players are determined to crush the other team, but also because both teams are normally good on a yearly basis.

No. 1: New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox

Before the 2004 season, this rivalry was starting to slip because of the Yankees continual dominance over the Sox. However, with the historic comeback in the 2004 American League Championship Series this competition, the granddaddy of sports rivalries, has moved into a level of its own. These two clubs have been battling each other with true hatred since the 1920s when the Yankees acquired former Boston players and hall of famers Red Ruffing and Babe Ruth. Because of the number of times they play each other during the season, there is the opportunity for incidents and flair ups between the two clubs, the latest was the Jason Varitek, Bronson Arroyo and Alex Rodriguez fight during the 2004 season. When either team loses to each other, it raises the stakes for the next game. This rivalry is undoubtedly the greatest rivalry in sports today.

By SHANE WILBER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Everyday sports fans are debating what the best rivalries in sports are and then defending their case as to why they feel that particular rivalry belongs in the top five. All those sports fans can finally rest easy as I will bring you the top five rivalries in sports today.

Working up the ladder, starting at number five, we begin with one of the best collegiate rivalries in National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Basketball. The University of Connecticut (UConn) vs. The University of Tennessee has become a great rivalry right before our eyes over the last 10 years. Each team is lead by a guaranteed Hall of Fame Coach, Geno Auriemma for UConn and Pat Summit at Tennessee. They have combined to win eight of the last 10 NCAA Women's Basketball Championships. Three of the last four championships were won by UConn at Tennessee's expense.

At number four, I am going to stay at the collegiate level and go a little farther south. No where in America will a person find a tougher recruiting battle for football players than in the state of Florida, which brings us to the rivalry of the University of Miami vs. Florida State University. These two schools battle it out on the football field and in the recruiting wars year round, making this one of the most respected and most watched rivalries on television today. While Miami has made a clean sweep of the last six games between the two schools, this is definitely one of the most anticipated games on my football schedule during the college football season. From the fourth quarter comebacks to the well known "Wide Left" kicks, when these two schools hook up on a Saturday afternoon on the other's home field, I suggest buckling up and hanging on for the ride you are about to witness.

It is time to head to the midwest to not only find the number three rivalry on the countdown but also where a battle between two historic franchises in the

National Football League takes place. The Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears have been known rivals since the 1940s and when these two teams meet on a Sunday afternoon there is not just a game on the line, but tradition as well. The players of these teams realize they are participating in a game that has featured Hall of Famers Gale Sayers, Bart Starr, Dick Butkus and the list goes on. While the Bears have not enjoyed many successful seasons as of late and the Packers have, all the records go out the window when these teams step on the field. It is 60-minutes of gridiron warfare where the winner could be determined as early as the beginning of the fourth quarter or as late as a field goal with no time remaining.

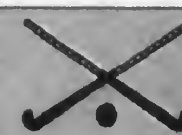
Cruising along to number two in the countdown, it is off to North Carolina where eight miles separates two of the top programs in Men's college basketball who have been battling it out for years and make a strong case for the best rivalry in all of college sports, the University of North Carolina Tarheels and the University of Duke Blue Devils. Words cannot describe the intensity that these

two teams play with when they play each other, but it definitely gives the fans their monies worth whether they watch the game on television or see it in person. From Jordan, to Hill and Laettner to Jamison, the talent that has been in these games over the years can be compared to no other. Not to mention the legendary coaches Dean Smith and Roy Williams of North Carolina and of course "Coach K" Mike Krzyzewski of Duke. If it is a lot of excitement you are looking for and a possible buzzer beater finish, then I highly recommend this game on a yearly basis. Chances are you may be watching two or three overtimes the way these teams like to play one another. This is a non-stop thrill ride that keeps a fan sitting on the edge of their seat from tip-off until the final buzzer.

Roll out the red carpet for the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees as they stroll their way to number one on the best rivalry countdown. As much as I would love to go into depth about this rivalry, there is nothing I could really say that true sports fans do not already know.



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UNV 1100 First Year Seminar is seeking applicants for the Fall '05 Peer Leaders.

Interested Students must submit an application to the office of Denise Seigart by April 1. Students interested

should demonstrate the desire to engage with students in the classroom at a higher level and also mentor students outside of the classroom. Applications are available in the office of Pam Jenkins, 511 North Hall.



Mansfield University swim team competes at PSAC Championships

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University Mountaineer swimming team finished in the final spot at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships in at West Chester University's Graham Natatorium last weekend. Each team in the PSAC took part in this event.

The Mountaineers, led by freshman Stephanie Klegarth and sophomores Abbe Tipton and Daniella Borrelli finished the weekend competition with 66 total points. The Golden Rams of West Chester placed first with 1,073 points, 190 points ahead of the second place Clarion Golden Eagles.

Mansfield swimmers Tipton, Klegarth, Borrelli and freshman Vanessa McElwee combined their efforts to swim the 200-yard Freestyle Relay in a time of 1:45.76, earning them twelfth place in the event.

McElwee was pleased with the performance the Mansfield swimmers gave during Championship events.

"The participating swimmers at PSAC Championships did very well," McElwee said. "It was a long session for all of us and coming into a meet like this you never know how anyone is going to take the lessons that coach has given us. Three of us have never been taught by coach so it is always tough to know how the swimmers are going to take it. Over all from the splits the team did well at the PSAC Championships."

McElwee took a poolside seat while the Mountaineers moved up one spot in the 200-yard Individual Medley Relay event as Tipton, Klegarth, Borrelli and freshman Maureen Maikner completed the race with a time of 4:19.36.

Tipton and Klegarth, who also participated in the 200-yard Individual Medley both finished behind Tammy Leanne, a junior from West Chester. Leanne swam the event with a time of 2:05.50. Tipton and Klegarth finished approximately 12 and 23 seconds behind Leanne, respectively.

Tipton also took part in the 100-yard Backstroke, taking the 20

spot with a time of 1:03.20.

Klegarth also finished the 100-yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:12.25, placing 21st in the race. Klegarth stepped out of the pool with a positive attitude in regard to the weekend event. "Abbe [Tipton] and I did okay in our individual events," Klegarth said. "Our relays did well too. Overall it was a fairly good weekend with some good swims."

Mansfield ends their season in last place in the PSAC with a 2-6 record in their dual meets.

Although the Mountaineers finished last in the conference, Klegarth was pleased with the team's overall progress. "The performances this year were overall pretty pleasing for most of us," Klegarth said. "Some girls did well right from the get-go while for others it took until the end of the season."

Like Klegarth, McElwee saw this season a success. "I was pleased with the team this season," McElwee said. "It was a great season with many people's times lowering. We all improved in some way with our swimming."

Boxing Club comes out of Shippensburg strong and swinging

By DENNIS GARNER
Special to The Flashlight

Mansfield University Boxing Club once again steps into the boxing ring with four outstanding athletes.

The squad was lead by Captain Dan Lawrence, 147; Co-Captain Ben Anderton, 185; Treasurer, Chris Phifer, 195 and Bryan Kinat, Heavyweight.

Schools represented at the event were Mansfield University, Lock Haven University, University of Maryland, and host Shippensburg University. The competition, lead by Lawrence, of Mansfield University, 147 pound weight class. He fought first against Sam Arumala, of the University of Maryland.

Lawrence dominated his opponent from the very beginning using combinations to the head and body. The bout was stopped by the referee in the second round awarding a second win to Lawrence.

Anderton, 185, lead the charge next against Matt Steenhoek of the University of Maryland. This was a battle from the first round that did not let up till the third round when Anderton was caught by a hard right hand from Steenhoek at the end of the second round and again in the third round. The referee stopped the bout in the third round. He awarded the win to Steenhoek. Anderton now carries a 1-1 record.



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Kinat, heavyweight of Mansfield University, ended up with a win by forfeit against an opponent from Lock Haven University. Kinat was scheduled to box against Lock Haven's Quentin Terry.

Mansfield's Phifer, 195, boxed against Josh Sprengle of Shippensburg University. Phifer had a slow start in the first round as Sprinkle charged Phifer, attempting to work on the inside, slugging at the body. It was clear when Phifer suddenly decided to change from being the punching bag to boxing his opponent. Suddenly, Phifer started to move. He boxed Sprengle. He used his long reach and quickness to dominate all three rounds. Mansfield's Phifer comes away with his first win in the ring.

Mansfield University's Boxing Club will next be boxing closer to home. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. Lock Haven University will host the event.



RESIDENCE LIFE ANNOUNCES: RA SELECTION FALL 2005

INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE
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- THURSDAY, 2/24/05 at 9 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, 3/17/05 at 12:30 p.m. & 1 p.m.
- TUESDAY, 3/22/05 at 12:30 p.m. & 1 p.m.

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Rieser and Tagliaferri set milestones as they lead the Lady Mountaineers split home decisions

By CARL FREDERICK

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Lady Mountaineers, who posted a convincing win over the Kutztown University Golden Bears 75-62 are right back in the thick of things for the final playoff spot in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East.

Mansfield University, perhaps playing its best game of the season was able to establish an early lead and maintain throughout the course of the game. Mansfield took

a 43-25 half-time lead never looking back as Kutztown was not able to get within nine points the rest of the game. "I was impressed with the unselfish team effort that our ladies put forward," Coach Ruth Hermansen said. "We executed our game plan at the defensive side of the floor. We did not allow their key players to play to their strengths."

The Mountaineers received big contributions from several players including Alison Tagliaferri and Stephanie Rieser who both had special days.

Rieser, who had a game high of 19 points, became the eleventh player in Lady Mountaineer basketball history to eclipse the 1,000-point career mark. Rieser, playing her second to last home game was five for six from the three-point line. Tagliaferri continued to climb the all-time scoring list with her output Saturday. Tagliaferri's 14

SPORTS INFORMATION
Alison Tagliaferri (front-right), is second on the all-time women's Mountaineer scoring list.

points were good enough to put her second on the all-time scoring list surpassing Donna Kukura (1980-1983) with 1,293 points. Tagliaferri, a junior needs 83 points to become the all-time leading scorer in Mansfield University Women's Basketball History. She also grabbed team-high of 11 rebounds. "I am very happy for the individual milestones that were accomplished," Hermansen said. "They mean so much more when they come along with a team victory of Kutztown."

Laura Scordino and Jessica Uhrich and also got into the action with contributions of 13 and 11 points, respectively. Scordino also added four assists while Uhrich grabbed eight rebounds.

Kutztown was paced with Jess Brady who had 14 points. They dropped to 4-6 in the PSAC East and 11 and 13 overall.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 the Lady Mountaineers fell to the Bloomsburg University Huskies by a score of 66-54. The Mountaineers who trailed at half-

time could not keep up with hot-shooting Huskies.

Mansfield would come within three points with 8:56 to play in the second half. However that would be as close as they would get. Meggi Rothermel, Huskies forward and last week's PSAC East Player of the Week, hit one of her five three-pointers and the Lady Mountaineers would drop their seventh decision in the PSAC East and their fifteenth overall.

Scordino had a team high 18 points while Tagliaferri added 15 and was a perfect 7-7 from the free-throw line.

The Huskies were lead by Rothermel who had a game high 23 points while pulling down a team high 10 rebounds. "Meggi Rothermel is an amazing catch and shoot three-point shooter," Hermansen said. "She got 15 of her game high 23 points from an area that we over emphasized that we must take away from her."

Bloomsburg clinched a playoff spot in the PSAC playoffs with their

win on Saturday. They improved 6-4 in the PSAC East and 12-10 overall. The Lady Mountaineers are 3-7 in PSAC East and 8-15 overall.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Rieser became the eleventh Lady Mountaineer to exceed the 1,000-point career mark in Mansfield University history.

**The mandatory meeting to discuss the COF
Budget Hearing process will be held at
9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28 in 307 AHUB.**

**It is important that your organization is represented
as sign-ups for Budget Hearings will be held.**

**Please have the individuals present who will be working
on the 2005-06 Budget.**

Questions may be directed to x4933 or stop in at 319 AHUB.

Important Dates (2005):

Monday, Feb. 28 - Budget Meeting

Monday, March 21 - 4 p.m. - 16 copies of Budget due in 320 AHUB

Monday, April 4 - Budget Hearings Begin

Monday, April 18 - Allocation Letters Mailed



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005

Mountaineers close to clinching PSAC East title

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team enjoyed a 2-0 week that helped them secure a berth in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Tournament. The Mountaineers also moved two steps closer to clinching the PSAC East title.

Mansfield began the week with a trip to Bloomsburg on Wednesday, Feb. 16 to battle with the Huskies. Mansfield won the first meeting 104-65 at Decker Gym on Jan. 26 but this meeting would prove to be drastically different.

The game marked the return of Mansfield's Jason Benson to Bloomsburg. Benson played for the Huskies last season before transferring to the Mountaineers for his senior year. Early on it was the play of the Huskies that became the big story. Bob Nenstiel, Huskies forward, landed a second three-pointer and gave Bloomsburg a 10-4 lead at the 17:29 mark. The Mountaineers quickly punched back with an 8-0 run to take a 12-10 advantage on Ian Anderson's lay-up with 15:56 left in the first half.

The two teams battled for the lead the remainder of the half. The first 20 minutes featured 10 ties and eight lead changes. Mansfield took their biggest lead of the first half at 46-41 on a Benson lay-up with 1:37 left on the clock. The Mountaineers took a 46-43 advantage into halftime.

Mansfield increased the spread early in the second half. Two Benson free throws gave the Mountaineers their biggest lead, 60-51, with 15:17 left. Bloomsburg answered with a five-point possession aided by an intentional foul by the Mountaineers to cut the deficit to 62-58.

It was Mansfield's turn to respond next. Jeremy Frey's jumper with 10:19 to go gave the Mountaineers their only double

digit advantage of the night at 74-64. A 12-2 Bloomsburg run trimmed the difference to 76-74 after Ernest Cherry's three-point play with 5:59 on the clock. The game stayed close as the two teams headed down the stretch.

With Mansfield up 83-81 with 2:11 left, Ian Anderson blocked Ryan Nenstiel's potential game-tying lay-up. The Mountaineers then scored four quick points on Brandon DeShields' lay-up and Benson's two free-throws to push the lead to six with under a minute to go.

Four points by Bloomsburg combined with a Mansfield turnover and two missed free throws by DeShields left the Huskies with one final possession to tie or win the game in regulation. John Owens drove to the paint, picked up his dribble but fell down with the ball and was called for a travel.

Benson followed with two free-throws to make the score 89-85 and put his former team away. Mansfield held on for an 89-88 triumph. Benson led the Mountaineers, scoring 25 points, pulling down nine rebounds and grabbing six steals. DeShields added 17 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Nenstiel paced Bloomsburg with 19 points.

Mansfield Head Coach Vince Alexander credited Benson's performance with helping to lead the Mounties to the win. "He really wanted to go out and establish himself," Alexander said. "I believe he went out and did that. He did a great job." The win improved Mansfield to 14-10 overall and 7-2 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield returned home to face Kutztown on Saturday, Feb. 19. Just like the first meeting between the two teams, the Mounties exploded out of the

PSAC Basketball Standings

| <u>Eastern Division</u> | <u>PSAC</u> | <u>ALL</u> | | <u>Western Division</u> | <u>PSAC</u> | <u>ALL</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Mansfield | 8-2 | 15-10 | .600 | Edinboro | 7-3 | 20-5 | .800 |
| Millersville | 7-3 | 19-5 | .792 | Clarion | 7-3 | 18-7 | .720 |
| West Chester | 7-4 | 17-9 | .654 | IUP | 6-4 | 21-7 | .750 |
| E. Stroudsburg | 5-5 | 12-13 | .480 | Shippensburg | 6-4 | 16-9 | .640 |
| Kutztown | 4-6 | 13-11 | .542 | Slippery Rock | 5-6 | 7-19 | .269 |
| Cheney | 3-8 | 4-19 | .174 | California | 3-7 | 13-12 | .520 |
| Bloomsburg | 2-8 | 6-19 | .240 | Lock Haven | 2-9 | 4-21 | .160 |

gate. After Kutztown scored the first four points, Mansfield reeled off a 19-2 run. Benson's jumper finished off the flurry and gave the Mountaineers a 19-6 lead just over seven minutes into the game.

Kutztown fought back to within four when Bobby Eberhart hit a jumper to cut the Mansfield lead to 24-20. One of four Brian Bryant first half three-pointers extended the Mountaineers advantage back to 32-22 at the 6:41 mark. Although Kutztown worked the lead down to five three times, another Bryant three-pointer in the final seconds left the Mountaineers with a 43-33 lead at halftime.

The second half was a seesaw, high scoring affair. Mansfield made the first move, using a 9-2 run to make their lead 13 at 55-42 after a dunk by Jeremy Frey over one of the best shot blockers in the nation, Kutztown's Bilal Salaam. The Golden Bears used a 12-3 push of their own to trim the difference down to 65-58 with 11:40 remaining.

Again the Mountaineers added to their cushion, extending their lead to 73-59 on a DeShields lay-up at the halfway point of the second half. The Golden Bears made their final run in the ensuing three minutes. Ty Brickus's lay-up cut the Mansfield lead to 76-69 with 7:10 left on the clock.

Mansfield went on to finally put the pesky Golden Bears away.

Two DeShields three-pointers keyed a 9-1 flurry to increase the advantage to 85-70 with 4:42 left. The Mountaineers cruised from there to a 101-86 win. The victory clinched a playoff berth for the Mountaineers. It also marked the fourth time all season Mansfield has reached the century mark.

Benson was the statistical leader for the Mountaineers, posting 21 points, 14 rebounds and four assists. Bryant was also one of five Mansfield players in double figures, scoring a career high 19 points. Salaam paced the Kutztown with 25 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots. Mansfield upped their record to 15-10 on the season and 8-2 in the PSAC East with the victory.

Benson believes Mansfield's successful run in conference play has been sparked by more consistent point production from multiple sources. "Early in the season we struggled finding players who could consistently score," Benson said. "Now we have four guys who have become consistent scorers for this team." Benson, DeShields, Dave Hoopes and Carlos Collazo all average double digits for the Mountaineers.

A win against the Warriors of East Stroudsburg on Wednesday, Feb. 23 would make the Mountaineers PSAC East champions.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Jason Benson scored a game high 25 points and hit two free-throws with six seconds left in the game as Mountaineers defeated the Huskies.



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Dining service hours cut due to under-utilization

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Students who dine in Manser Hall and Jazzman's Café may have noticed the recent cuts in service hours. Mansfield University Executive Director of Student Affairs, Mike Lemasters, attributes these cuts to under utilization of the facilities.

The Mansfield University 2004-2005 dining guide, a publication which is available in the meal plan office, states the food service hours for the year. The brochure notes that Jazzman's Café is open until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 3 p.m. on Friday. Now, Jazzman's closes at 2 p.m. on these days. Jennifer Stuart, a junior, disagrees with the decision to cut the hours in Jazzman's.

"A lot of commuter students go

to Jazzman's to sit down and relax or to do homework and have coffee," Stuart said. The Upper Manser Dining hours have been cut on Fridays from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Perhaps the most dramatic change is the cut in food court hours. The Lower Manser Food Court, which was open until 9 p.m. on Friday and until 10 p.m. on Sunday, now closes at 8 p.m. on both of these nights. These cuts eliminate the potential of students using meals during what were late night meal equivalency hours. Lunch hours were also cut on weekends. The Food Court, which opened at noon on both Saturdays and Sundays, now opens at 2 p.m.

Stuart feels that the changes made to the Food Court weekend hours are not for the better. "I think that the weekend hours in the



KELLY ANN MURRAY/THE FLASHLIGHT
Hours have been shortened at Lower Manser, which features Sandella's, Pete's Arena, Sky Ranch Grill and Subconnection.

Food Court are an inconvenience to students," Stuart said. "I think that the lack of business is directly related to the high prices. Unless prices are lowered or flex money is raised, the food court will not do good business."

Danielle Dickerson, a sophomore,

also feels that the new weekend hours in the Food Court are inconvenient. "Sometimes I just want to go across the street and grab something quick for lunch that I can eat in my room," Dickerson said. "Now, if I want to eat lunch I have to find a group of friends to eat

upstairs with or wait until 2 p.m."

Like other universities in the state system, a food service consultant visits Mansfield University to inspect the services provided. According to the consultant, sales proved to be low in several areas. "There were a number of times that there were only two customers in Jazzman's after 2 p.m.," Lemasters said. "The food service consultant's letter said there needs to be an aggressive action to increase sales."

Although the hours have been cut, the new service times are not set in stone. The potential for leaving a few of the facilities open in Lower Manser on a rotating basis has been discussed. "We thought about altering services from week to week," Lemasters said. "One week we could have subs open, and the other week pizza, etc."

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COF proposes increase in Student Activities fee for the future

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

The Committee on Finance (COF) is proposing an increase in the Student Activities fee to the Student Government Association (SGA) due to lack of funds for the growing number of student organizations at Mansfield University.

At their meeting on Monday, SGA was still awaiting the formal proposal from COF before they vote on the issue. However, they have a rough idea of what material will be in the proposal; COF hopes to increase the fee \$75 each year for the next four years resulting in a total increase of \$300. This plan is expected to take effect next semester.

The president of SGA, Elizabeth O'Dell, said, "I feel that the Senate will make a wise decision. I can't say how the vote will go because I don't have a vote, but I believe that it will be a well educated decision."

Currently the Student Activities fee is \$150 per student and has not been raised since 2003. Michael Lemasters, the Executive Director of Student Affairs and advisor to COF, said that this has become a problem for COF this year. The activities fee is now staying the same and with 98 student organiza-

tions on campus already and more organizations being added every year, there is simply not enough money to go around.

COF allocates money to more than just student organizations. They also fund aquatics which include maintaining the pool and lifeguards for the pool, athletics, activities such as the upcoming Lloyd Banks concert, Kelchner Fitness Center and the "Late Nights" held there, activities for the Sayre campus and some music ensembles.

"The dilemma essentially becomes that students will be hindered by having less money available for activities."

- Michael Lemasters, Executive Director of Student Affairs and advisor to COF

Another issue facing COF is not only the increasing number of organizations, but the groups tend to increase the amount of money they need with each year, according to Lemasters. One final issue is that prices naturally increase and become more expensive for the supplies that student organizations need each year.

With all the combinations of these problems and the fact that Mansfield is not anticipating an increase in enrollment next semester, it leaves COF with no other choice but to propose raising the activities fee.

Each year, every organization is required to fill out a budget form requesting how much money they need from COF along with justifications on why they need that amount. This year because of the lack of funds, Lemasters made sure there was a "disclaimer" at the bottom of the checklist for the budget request process which is given to every organization on campus. It informs each organization that if the activities fee is not increased, they will either receive the same amount of money as the last year or a decrease in the amount of money they receive.

Lemasters said that in 2004, COF allocated approximately \$725,000 while \$900,000 was requested. This year, the same number of organizations may be asking for more money in addition to the money requested by the guaranteed new organizations which makes the job for COF even more difficult.

"The dilemma essentially becomes that students will be hindered by having less money available for activities and will also be hindered by the raising of the fee," Lemasters said.



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Partly cloudy with a
20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 34° Low: 14°

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Weekly Weather



TODAY

Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation

High: 34° Low: 14°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 34° Low: 16°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 37° Low: 24°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation

High: 37° Low: 24°

MONDAY

Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 41° Low: 29°

TUESDAY

Rain with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 42° Low: 25°

WEDNESDAY

Scattered snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 42° Low: 25°

Information taken from
www.weather.com

POLICE BEAT

Feb. 26, 2005 - Underage Consumption - Megan McFadden, 18, was cited for underage consumption of alcohol in Maple 224 A.

Feb. 24, 2005 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Matthew Kraft, 18, and Robert Walsh, 18, were found to be in possession of drug Paraphernalia in Cedarcrest suite 517A and were referred to Residence Life.

Feb. 22, 2005 - Prohibited Offensive Weapons, Controlled Substance - Mark Johnston, 21, was charged with violations of the Controlled Substance, Drug Device, & Cosmetic Act and Prohibited Offensive Weapons for allegedly keeping such materials in his dorm room, Maple 508B.

Feb., 2005 - Vandalism - A student's car was vandalized in the T-Lot parking area by an unknown person. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the campus police at x4900.

Congratulations to the Writers of the Week!

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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **FAFSA Reminder:** Apply now. It is time to fill out the 2005-2006 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Since much financial assistance is awarded by March on a first come first served basis, it is extremely important that you get your FAFSA completed as soon as possible. You may complete the FAFSA online by going to: www.fafsa.ed.gov. There are two major advantages of completing the FAFSA online. The form will be processed faster and by filling out the form online this will help to eliminate errors. You and your parents should prepare tax returns (even if you do not plan to mail the tax returns now)—income and asset figures from your tax returns are needed to complete the FAFSA. To make sure Mansfield University receives your FAFSA information, you must enter Mansfield University's federal school code on the FAFSA. Mansfield University's school code is 003324. You can pick up the 05-06 FAFSA at the Financial Aid Office located at 213 Doane Center, or the Financial Planning Office at: 134 Alumni Hall.

★ **Have empty cartridges?** Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used ink cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fund-raiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorms.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group through the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at x5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ **The College Democrats** and the Tioga County Alliance for Democracy will co-sponsor a table to support the Mansfield University students recently deployed to Iraq with their National Guard unit. These students are on an 18-month deployment. The table will be located in Manser Hall, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 23. Anyone may stop by to write a note or letter, or donate items such as magazines, newspapers, snacks, etc. These items will be collected and given to a staff member team. The boxes are being mailed the last Friday of each month to the troops.

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Congratulations from Mark's Brother's to the Mansfield University basketball teams for a great season!

"Sax Summit" concert featuring renowned saxophonists this weekend

MANSFIELD, Pa. — The Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble and guest artists Ernie Krivda and Chris Vadala will perform in concert on Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m. in Stedman Theatre.

The first set will feature the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Galloway. Krivda and Vadala will then join the ensemble for what Galloway calls a "Sax Summit."

Krivda began his professional career in 1963 with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. In the early 70s, he led the house band of the famous Smiling Dog Saloon. There he shared the stage with Chick Corea, Elvin Jones, Herbie Hancock and other jazz greats. His performances in this company inspired the late jazz critic Bernard Larait to write, "Ernie Krivda should be ranked with the top musicians in jazz."

Famed alto saxophonist Cannonball Adderley heard Krivda and recommended him to Quincy Jones. After touring and recording with Jones, Krivda moved to New York City and signed a contract with Inner City Records.

In the 80s, Krivda continued

to record as a leader, front a quartet or quintet that featured many of his composition and appear at such prestigious venues as The Kool Jazz Festival, The North Sea Festival and at Carnegie Hall.

In the 90s, Krivda added to his discography which includes over 25 recordings as a leader, and founded The Fat Tuesday Big Band. He continues to tour and remains active in Jazz Education as a clinician, the artistic director of The Cuyahoga Community College Jazz Studies Program and artistic director of The Lakeland Jazz Festival in Ohio.

Krivda maintains a high profile as a composer with many fellowship awards to his credit, along with awards for his adaptations of the work of Kurt Weill, George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein. In 2003 and 2004, Cadence/Cimp Records and Krivda embarked on a multiple release project of five CD's, including the recording of the historic Stan Getz Tribute Concert at Severance Hall, which features the legendary *Focus Suite* by Eddie Sauter. He has been the recipient of many awards and continues to be the subject of features and articles in national publications

such as *Down Beat* and *Jazz Times*.

One of the country's foremost woodwind artists, Vadala has appeared on more than 100 recordings to date, as well as jingle sessions, film and TV scores performing on all the saxophones, flutes and clarinets. Vadala is director of Jazz Studies and saxophone professor at the University of Maryland.

Vadala's performing career has been highlighted by a long tenure as a standout woodwind artist with the internationally recognized Chuck Mangione Quartet, which included performing credits on five gold and two platinum albums plus two Grammy, one Emmy and one Golden Globe Award.

He has also performed and/or recorded with such greats as Dizzy Gillespie, Quincy Jones, B.B. King, Chick Corea, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Sarah Vaughn, Natalie Cole, Herbie Hancock, Ray Charles, Henry Mancini, Doc Severinsen, Phil Woods and Joe Lovano.

Vadala's column on woodwind doubling appears regularly in the *Saxophone Journal*. He has been a *Downbeat* magazine poll finalist in four categories, the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Saxophonists Ernie Krivda, pictured left, and Chris Vadala, right, are performing with the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble Saturday.

Jazz Study grant and has published a number of original works.

Vadala is the author of the book, *Improve Your Doubling* and has a solo CD, *Out of the Shadows*. He has also released three books with play-along CD's: *Jazz/Rock in the USA*, *Jazz Solos* and *Fusion Solos*. In addition, he is a contributor to *Approaching the Standards* play-along improvisation series and *Jazz Pedagogy*, the Jazz Educator's Handbook and Resource Guide.

"Both artists have appeared on campus in the past, but this marks the first time that they will share the

stage," Galloway said. "Be prepared to hear a fantastic jazz concert as these two great pros join forces with the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and students. Mansfield University students with ID will be admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door, through the Music Department by calling (570)662-4710, or online at <http://music.mansfield.edu>

Krivda and Vadala will also present a free clinic at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 in Butler Music Center, Room 136.

"Diversity in a Global World" educates Mansfield students at culture conference

MANSFIELD, Pa. — "Diversity in a Global World of Tribal Minds" will be the theme of this year's Mansfield University Intercultural Relations Conference on Thursday, March 17.

Nationally known lecturer, storyteller and poet Bobby Gonzalez will be this year's guest speaker. He will deliver his presentation entitled "Red, Black and Brown" at 1 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 307 and again at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 317.

Gonzalez is the author of *Song of the American Holocaust: Native Poetry from the South Bronx Reservation*, a collection of verse that reflects upon five centuries of dramatic upheavals and heroic triumphs of Native Peoples from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

"He draws on his Native American (Taino) and Latino (Puerto Rican) roots to offer a unique repertoire of performances, readings and discourses that celebrate his indigenous roots," Annie Cooper, Mansfield University's director of Multicultural Affairs and conference co-organizer, said. "His mission is to retell ancient histories and promote awareness about contemporary challenges."

Registration for the conference will be held from 12:30 - 1 p.m. on the third floor of Alumni Hall. Gonzalez will deliver his initial presentation at 1 p.m., followed by several sessions on a variety of topics from

2:40 - 3:40 p.m. and an intercultural students panel discussion from 3:45 - 5 p.m.

After a break for dinner, Gonzalez will speak again at 7:30 p.m., "To allow more students, faculty, staff and people from the community to attend," Cooper said. "This conference is designed to foster collaborative campus and community participation as well as intercultural educational exchange."

For more information contact Cooper at (570) 662-4381 or acooper@mansfield.edu or Jannis Floyd, associate professor of Education and Special Education and conference co-organizer, at (570) 662-4795 or jfloyd@mansfield.edu.

All conference presentations and sessions are free and open to the public. Representatives of the Mansfield International Students' Organization (MISO) will be on hand to accept contributions to the Tsunami Relief Fund. Donations will be sent to the Angel Network at Harpo Studios for the relief efforts in Sri Lanka.

The Intercultural Relations Conference is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the President's Advisory Board for Diversity, the Black Students' Union, MISO, the Latin American Student Organization, the Student Activities Office and the SUPPORT Minority Mentoring program. It is also supported by Student Activities Fees.

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Because representatives from every Residence Hall Council meet with food service regularly, it is suggested that students voice their concerns to these members. "I encourage students to give feedback to Hall Council officers and we can look at options to best suit the needs of students," Lemasters said.

Laurel Hall Council Vice President Mark Ewing, freshman, deals with the food service and agrees that feedback is important. "Any student can see a hall council representative to voice any concerns they may have about the food service," Ewing said. "We can then take those concerns to the meetings."

Stuart, who formerly attended food service meetings, notes that changes have been made in the past as a result of student concern. "When we voiced complaints things happened," Stuart said. "For example, there was a concern that skim milk was not being offered in Lower Manser. After talking with representatives from the food service, the problem was solved."

All Residents Hall Council Vice President Stefanie Orme, senior, will meet with the food service this week to discuss student concerns. "We will offer student complaints and suggestions at the meeting," Orme said. "One of the major issues we will be discussing is the new hours in Lower Manser."

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What in the world

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

World:

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL- The Israeli Cabinet promised to dismantle 24 illegal settlements along the West Bank. Although they did not set a timetable or decide what to do with the other 80 settlements, this is the strongest commitment the cabinet has made to remove the settlements, which the Middle East Peace Plan states it must do.

ROME, ITALY- After an 18-day stay at Gemelli hospital Pope John Paul II returned home on Sunday, March 13. The reason for his second hospital stay in less than a month was to help make breathing easier for him. Doctors performed a tracheotomy on Feb. 24. Since then, he has only made three public appearances and Vatican officials are still unsure about the role he will play in the Holy Week ceremonies.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO- Angry residents of the town of Magdalena Tequisistlan broke into a municipal building on Saturday and seized a state police officer, who was then

thrown from the third story, doused with gasoline and set on fire. The officer had allegedly shot a taxi driver on Friday night after getting into an argument at a bar.



BAGHDAD, IRAQ- Two Americans working for Blackwater Security a company that provides security for the U.S. Embassy were killed on Saturday, March 12. The two men who were riding in a car, along with a contractor, between Baghdad and Hilla were killed when a roadside bomb exploded. The contractor was seriously injured and immediately hospitalized.

National:

ATLANTA, Ga.- Brian Nichols surrendered on Saturday, March 12 to a Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team after a 24 hour

killing spree. He is accused of killing a judge and three other people including a federal agent. Nichols was captured after a woman he had taken hostage managed to escape and call the police.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Terry Ratzmann, 44, burst into the Living Church of God service held at a Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield on Saturday, March 12 and opened fire. He killed seven people and then himself. He also injured four people who are currently being hospitalized. Police are investigating the case and do not have a motive yet.

NEW YORK, N.Y.- Two former New York City police detectives, Stephen Caracappa and Louis Eppolito, have been indicted for allegedly committing murders for the Mafia in the early 1980s. The indictment states that the two men often passed law enforcement information on to the Mafia and also killed rival gangsters. The charges against the two men include eight murders, two attempted murders and murder conspiracy.

Spotlight on Student Affairs

By EMILEE DANIELSON
Flashlight Writer

Ever since the Feb. 7, 2005 announcement that a new Director of Residence Life was hired at Mansfield, Mike Lemasters has been a happy man. After living a double life for nearly two years as both the Executive Director of Student Affairs and Director of Residence Life, Lemasters is happy to have some weight off his shoulders.

"Although it is nice to get rid of the discipline aspect of it, it is also important that there will be more of a focus on improving Residence Life," Lemasters said.

As the Executive Director of Student Affairs, Lemasters has much influence over several aspects that effect the student body. Included in his many responsibilities are oversight of dining services, Multi-Cultural Affairs, the Women's Center and Advocacy, the campus bookstore, fitness center, and Committee on Finance, while also serving on the Athletic Advisory Council.

As a Student Affairs profession-

al, Lemasters has always worked hard to bring to Mansfield things that would most benefit the students. The opening of a branch of Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union in Lower Manser last fall was something that Lemasters felt needed to be added to the campus in order to compete with opportunities offered by other colleges and universities. Making improvements to Mansfield University is something that Lemasters intends to continue into the future. Upcoming projects include the proposed renovation and reorganization of North, South and Main Manser in order to make it a better environment and useful space for students.

Lemasters is also involved in other interests outside the influential positions on campus. In both his personal and professional life, Lemasters always serves to encourage students to get involved in the campus community. "The first thing to do is get involved in clubs and organizations," Lemasters said. "Come in and talk to people that are already in the field you are inter-

ested in. Find out what you like."

Many of the day-to-day activities that occur at Mansfield University are part of the larger student affairs picture, including what is known to Mansfield students as the "O-Team" or Orientation Team on campus. The Orientation Team is a group of students who are selected to serve on the orientation staff each summer to introduce incoming students to Mansfield University. The five week commitment comes with a large amount of responsibility, but offers opportunities to have fun and meet other students. Those who are interested can pick up an application in 320 Alumni Hall until March 24.

It seems that under Lemaster's leadership, many exciting changes will be coming to Mansfield University in the near future. If any students are interested in learning more about student affairs or getting involved on campus, more can be learned from one of the student affairs professionals or through involvement in one of the many student organizations.

Professional panel educates communication majors

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

As the close of each semester approaches, the students of Business and Professional Communication (COM 3336) turn their attention away from Dr. Sharon Carrish and focus on a panel of local professionals in their own respective areas of expertise.

Each semester, Carrish organizes a small panel consisting of four to five individuals who take part in a question and answer session in an effort to give her students a head start in the professional field as they approach graduation.

"There are a lot of things a college student will need to know as they prepare for the rest of their life," Carrish said. "There are many questions they [students] will have, like 'What do I do when I get in to financial trouble?' or 'How do I deal with a bank, get an apartment or get a car loan?' Most questions are timely and well thought out."

Carrish has received confirmation from five individuals who plan on participating in this semester's panel. Among the participants are four professionals, Sandra Wilson from Century 21-Wilkinson Dunn Realty, General Sales Manager of Cole and Burd, Steven Hilfinger, Anne Dunham of Dunham's Department Store in Wellsboro and the Vice President of First Citizens Bank in Mansfield, Jeff Wilson. Carrish has invited a recent Mansfield University alumnus, Jackie Salerno, to also take part in the panel. Salerno graduated last December with a degree in

Mass Communication with an emphasis in Broadcasting.

Dunham is a regular invite for the panel discussion. She believes this panel is a helpful way for the students to get involved and learn more about their future profession.

"This was a great idea started by Dr. Carrish," Dunham said. "The students try to get information out of the people on the panel from each of our venues."

Dunham finds that the students in the Business and Professional Communication class use this opportunity to their full advantage. "The students are very interested," Dunham said. "They ask very poignant questions to each of us on the panel."

Dunham believes the information given in this class session is invaluable. "I try to give real-life advice that does not get covered in a text book," Dunham said. "I believe life lessons are much more insightful than book knowledge is."

Carrish has received positive feedback from both the students in the class and the panel participants in regards to this event.

"The students take a lot of interest in the discussion," Carrish said. "I have had students come back on several occasions and tell me how helpful this was. Members of the panel are usually very excited about coming to talk with the students." The panel discussion will take place on April 29.

"This is one of the most important events in what is a very important class," Carrish said.

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Dress for success - Your first job interview

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Are you looking at your faded jeans and worn-out sneakers and wondering how you will ever survive in the job world? Campus clothing trends and professional clothing are two completely different worlds.

Most college students are not prepared to dress for their first interview. They feel that what they already have in their wardrobe will be sufficient. Students applying for entry-level positions need to understand that the bright, stylish colors that are popular in fashion are not suitable for the conservative business world. Whether you are graduating soon or in three years, it is never too early to begin your professional wardrobe.

Many people feel they should not be judged by the way they dress or their outer appearance. Is it fair? Probably not. You could be the most qualified candidate and be cast away because you were improperly dressed. Remember that you are selling yourself to the employer, so look the part.

Consider the amount of résumés and interviews employers have to evaluate. Similar to typographical errors on a résumé, employers assess the apparel of a candidate mostly to save time and to weed out certain candidates.

When shopping, keep it conservative. When you are finished with your first interview, you want the interviewer to remember you by your qualities, strengths and question-answering skills, not your

outfit. Conservative colors such as basic black and navy are perfect for the first interview.

If you can only afford to buy one business suit, conservative colors are a must. If you are invited for a follow-up interview, you can feel comfortable wearing the same suit again, possibly pairing the suit with a different shirt, blouse or tie.

All companies differ in what they believe is acceptable for interview and daily business dress. Some companies may have a casual policy, where others are strictly professional. It is important to inquire about the dress policy before you attend the interview. You can inquire about this through a friend or family member that works within the organization or you can contact the Human Resources department.

If the dress code is professional, be sure to dress up the best you can. If you find that upon entering the interview that the dress code is more casual than you imagined, you can always dress down your outfit by taking off your jacket.

Avoid wearing excessive perfume or cologne. Your interviewer may be allergic. Use a light-scented soap and deodorant that will do the job without overpowering.

Women

Always wear a professional business suit with a basic jacket and pants or a skirt. Skirts tend to be considered dressier in the corporate world, but be sure to discover what suits your company and dress accordingly. Often times, one

would find these items grouped in a three-piece set for a reasonable price. Make sure your skirt is at least knee-length. Anything above the knee is considered unacceptable in the business world.

Be sure to wear a comfortable, conservative heel. Remember that sandals are for the beach, not business. Make sure your heels have a closed toe and avoid flats and chunky heels.

Do not carry a purse to the interview. Instead, carry a fashionable briefcase that is easy to carry and easily accessible.

Keep your makeup and jewelry at a minimum. Keep in mind that less is more in the eyes of the interviewer. You do not want your appearance to be more vibrant than your qualifications.

Men

Always wear a professional business suit with a basic jacket and matching trousers. Pair these with a conservative colored shirt and a simple silk necktie. Pick a tie with a simple pattern, not a tie with a holiday theme or a cartoon character.

Wear shoes in a dark color, such as black or dark brown. Lace-up shoes are the most professional, but they are not a necessity. Find something that's comfortable, conservative, and matches well. Be sure to match your socks to your outfit. White socks are never acceptable for a business suit.

Make sure your hair and facial hair is well groomed. Remove any dirt from your fingernails and consider getting a manicure. Remove

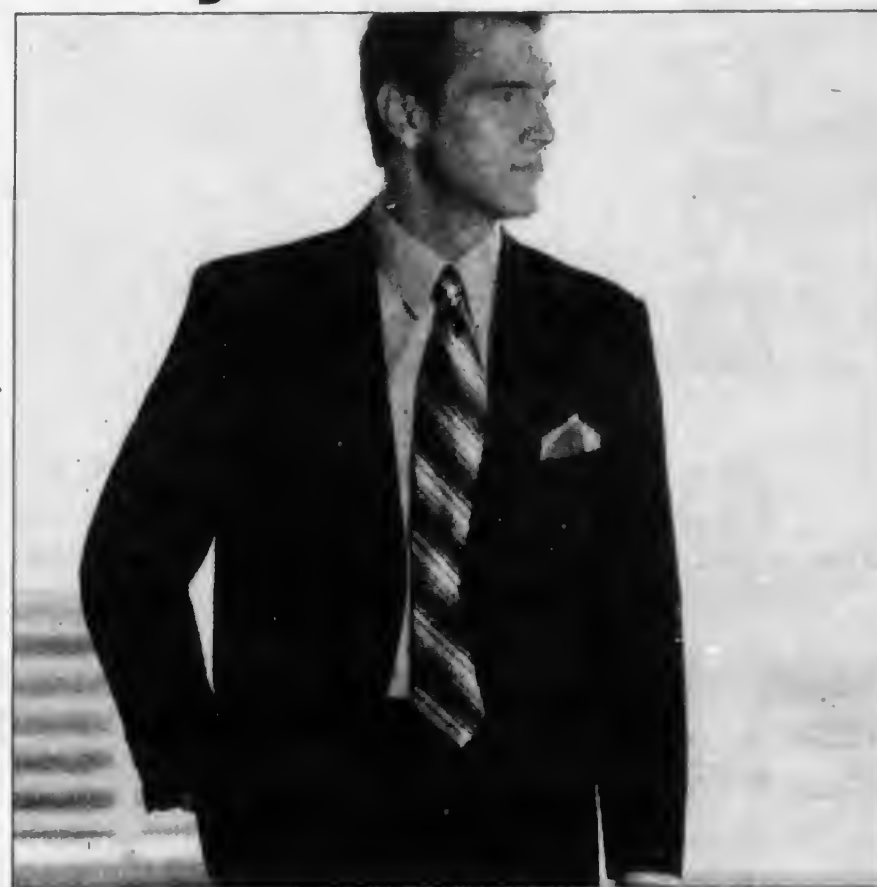


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Dressing for job interview success is not a choice, it is a necessity. Using simple tips can land you the job of your dreams.

all piercings and consider not wearing any jewelry besides a wedding ring or class ring.

Professional business clothing can put a hole in your wallet. If you are on a budget, be sure to shop around for the best price. JC Penney has a large selection of quality, stylish career clothing at a reasonable price. Also check the selection at Sears, Burlington Coat Factory, K-mart or your local thrift store.

Before you walk in to the interview, make a quick trip to the bathroom to check your appear-

ance - food or lipstick on teeth, scuffs on shoes, etc.

If you need more advice, check out internet sites such as www.careerbuilder.com. Or pick from a selection of books on how to make your first interview a success. These tools will allow you to get advice from professionals on making a good first impression and landing the job of your dreams.

Looking professional at your first interview is not a choice, it is a necessity. Make a great first impression and put your best outfit forward.



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Go nuts for March - Celebrate National Peanut Month

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

Going nuts may be healthier than people think.

Recent research suggests peanuts and peanut butter may reduce the risk of heart disease. Doctors have found that peanuts can increase the amount of good cholesterol while reducing bad cholesterol when consumed in small amounts.

Penny Kris-Etherton is a nutrition professor at Pennsylvania State University. Her study was published in the February issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* last year.

According to Kris-Etherton's research, the participants on a low-fat diet experienced problems. Triglyceride levels increased and the amount of good cholesterol (HDL) decreased in these people.

On the other hand, the participants on the peanut-rich, higher unsaturated fat diet experienced benefits that may prevent future heart disease. The amount of good cholesterol stayed at a safe level and triglycerides decreased.

Research suggests people on higher-unsaturated fat diets lose more weight than those on low-fat diets.

The peanut-rich diet consists of unsaturated fat, carbohydrate, fiber, and protein.



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The first major use for peanuts was as food for pigs. Whether used in trail mix, bar snacks, or desserts, nut sales contribute over \$4 billion to the U.S. economy each year.

Peanuts and peanut butter have few carbohydrates.

Peanuts contain important minerals such as magnesium, potassium and zinc. They are also high in fiber and vitamin E.

Peanuts can help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Due to the minerals, high protein content and monounsaturated fats found in peanuts, peanuts and peanut butter are often included in weight-loss diets.

In a 2001 Harvard study published in the *International*

Journal of Obesity, it was found that low calorie and low-fat diets result in weight loss. The difference between these diets and the peanut-rich diet is that low calorie diets often result in short-term weight loss. People on peanut-rich diets keep the weight off over longer periods of time.

Frank Sacks, MD is a Harvard School of Public Health professor of cardiac disease prevention. Sacks said America's health care system will go bankrupt if

no one can find a diet that will be effective over a long period of time.

Doctors have found that peanuts and peanut-containing products are more likely to decrease people's appetites than foods that are low in fat but high in carbohydrates.

Americans need at least 25 grams of fiber per day. Many Americans are not getting the proper amount of fiber. Peanuts provide two grams of fiber per one-ounce serving.

Go "nuts" celebrating these bizarre March holidays.

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North Central PA College Consortium Job and internship fair. YMCA Arena, 320 Elmira St., Williamsport, Pa.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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April 7, 2005

Pa. Civil Service Commission Information Session
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April 12, 2005

North Central Pa. Education Consortium
Bloomsburg University 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Mansfield University students can pick up entrance tickets from the Career Development Office.

April 13, 2005

Mansfield University Education Fair
Multipurpose Room, 317 AHUB, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Campus Activities Review: *The Music Man*

By TRAVIS CORTER
Flashlight Writer

The curtains parted to reveal businessmen riding on a train headed for River City.

The fun opening musical number of Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* was met with pleasant laughs from the crowd when it was performed a week before Spring Break. The scene helped set the stage for the attitude of the musical.

The costumes were so bright and vibrant that it seemed as though you were stepping back in time.

Ryan Curchoe delivered a noteworthy performance as Harold Hill, a conman looking to make a few extra bucks at the expense of the townspeople. Full of confidence, his solos showed the character's talent of smooth-talking.

Laura Haffner, who played the role of upright librarian Marian Paroo, had great chemistry with Curchoe. One of the more memorable scenes of the musical took

place on the footbridge, where Haffner and Curchoe kissed.

"I played Marian the librarian," Haffner said. "She was the town librarian who kept to herself and was considered quite matronly because she was twenty-six years old and not married. She was more educated so a lot of people didn't like her."

Jessica Crum played little Amaryllus. Her performance was met with delightful laughter and more than one smile.

Winthrop, Marian's little brother, was played by Ethan Wilston. The lisp he used for the character made his scenes truly memorable.

But if it could be said that one person stole the show, that person

would be Sarah Best. Best played the role of Eulalie Shinn, the mayor's wife. Eccentric and a joy to watch, Best brought a uniqueness to the character that had the audience in stitches.

The singing was beautiful. Harold Hill formed a barber-shop quartet with four of the River City citizens. These gentlemen treated the audience to many delightful songs. At one point during the production, they even strolled through the auditorium singing.

Sara Beth Vanemon was part of *The Music Man* cast. "It was a fulfilling experience to work with such a great cast," Vanemon said. "Everyone worked so hard to pull this

project together. I am really proud of the production and hoped the audience enjoyed it as well."

A live orchestra provided the music which helped make the production seem even more professional. This was by

no means a small production.

Andrew Garlach played Mayor Shinn. It appeared as though he had as much fun playing the character as the audience had watching his character.

In the end, the River City boys band performed with their band uniforms and instruments. The boys were played by Nathan Ayers, Luke Begeson, Ryan Dempsey, Kurtis Eby and Nathaniel Wilston.

"It was an amazing experience," Haffner said. "I absolutely loved every minute of it. I got really close to the cast and people I don't normally get to spend time with."



PHOTO FROM WWW.YAHOO.COM
The Music Man was performed at Mansfield on Feb. 24.

Movie Review: *Hitch*

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

You may have heard the Hebrew proverb: "Physician: heal thyself!" Doctors, psychologists and the like often prescribe cures before taking the plank out of their own eye. For Alex Hitchens or Hitch (Will Smith), that is exactly the case.

Once soured by his college love, Hitch resolves to learn the female mind so that he will never be hurt again. Now, as New York's hottest date doctor, Hitch helps helpless men woo the women of their dreams, proclaiming, "Any man has the chance to sweep a woman off her feet. You just need the right broom."

The opening credits feature Hitch's success stories, a group of men who abided by Hitch's slogan, "Three dates, gentlemen. After that, you're on your own." Though Hitch is a success, his morals are demonstrated when he refuses to help Vance (Jeffrey Donovan) land a one-night stand.

Hitch's latest project involves coaching Albert (Kevin James), a dull accountant who is smitten with celebrity client Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta). After a couple quick lessons and a hilarious dancing scene, Albert finds himself backing up Ms. Cole in a board meeting and discovers that his dream woman is beginning to fall for him.

Though an expert in love, Hitch puts all of his energy into helping other men, yet never heeds his own advice. That is, until he meets Sara Melas (Eva Mendes), an independent journalist who is married to her work. Sara is a gossip columnist for a tabloid newspaper whose column is hot on the trail of, believe it or not, Allegra Cole.

Despite a number of complications on Hitch's part, after a first date Hitch and Sara begin to fall for each other.

After figuring out that the anonymous date doctor brought Allegra and Albert together, Sara sets her journalistic trail on unveiling the identity of Manhattan's hottest date doctor. Little does Sara know that the date doctor is the self-proclaimed "consultant" with whom she is falling in love.

Directed by Andy Tennant and written by Kevin Bisch, *Hitch* exhibits a modern-day



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Will Smith plays Hitch, Manhattan's hottest date doctor. His three-date challenge is his guarantee.

Shakespearean tone. The combination of romance and comedy in *Hitch* is one that most men and women can agree on, making this flick a must-see for any date.

Ladies, see if you agree with Hitch's highlight advice: "Eight out of 10 women believe that the first kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a man."

Aside from the lighthearted comedy and the excellent performance by Smith, watch out for the two-hour running time and lengthy ending. Though the movie has a tremendous amount of predictability, the silliness, humor and happy ending will leave you with no regrets when the closing credits flash.

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JONESing for a soda? A look inside the colorful campus trend

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Pepsi, Coke and JONES? One of these things is not like the other. Which one of these things just doesn't belong? Ask any Mansfield University Student to answer this question and the reply may be surprising. In fact, one may find that JONES Soda has joined the ranks of popular beverages at the University. But how did this soda become such a fizzy favorite?

The soda story begins in 1987. President of the JONES Soda Company, Peter Van Stolk, took note of a need for "alternative beverages" in the drink market. Starting out in the field as a beverage distributor, the small Seattle-based company, then named Urban Juice and Soda Ltd., shipped drinks like Arizona Iced Tea and Just Pik'd Juices throughout Western Canada.

After a few years of experience in the distribution field, the company branched out into beverage production. In April of 1995 the company launched WAZU Natural Spring water and followed up the that January with the premiere of JONES Soda. Released in a variety of six different flavors, JONES Soda packed more than just pop in every bottle.

Noted for their ever-changing label art, the soda's labels actually feature photos taken by the consumers. JONES Soda bottles can even be custom made for any occasion. Simply follow the how-to instructions on the company's web-site and a case of custom-labeled sodas will be in your hands in two to four weeks.

Senior Tony Spagnoli owns one of these specially made bottles. "I have a custom made label with my graduation picture on it," Spagnoli said. "I got it as a gift."

Today, JONES Soda is available in over a dozen flavors including cherry, green apple, lemon drop, vanilla cola, crushed melon, strawberry lime and berry lemonade. Keeping in mind the current low-carb diet craze, these pop producers have also developed a line of sugar free sodas available in flavors like grapefruit and cream soda.

Sophomore Danielle Dickerson, has tried many flavors of JONES Soda. "I love the variety of different flavors," Dickerson said. "It's a soda like no other. My personal favorite is Green Apple."

Junior Erick Mowery is also a fan of the soda's unique labels. "JONES depicts all wakes and walks of life in their colorful array



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JONES Sodas are available for purchase in lower Manser Dining Hall. Can't find JONES at home? Use the product locator feature at www.jonessoda.com to seek where the soda is sold.



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Sandra Pardoe, left and Rachel Adams frequently purchase JONES Sodas in Lower Manser.

of photos pictured on every bottle," Mowery said. "I also enjoy the wisdom printed as fortunes under each cap."

Aside from soda, the company also produces juices named JONES Naturals. Flavors like banaberry, d'peach mode, bohemian raspberry, strawberry manilow and berry white are just a few of the colorful concoctions JONES has juiced for their drinks. JONES Soda Co. also produces energy drinks for a quick pick-me-up.

Think that the names JONES has given to their fruity juices point out the company's support for music? This may be true considering JONES has created My JONES Independent Music. In an attempt to support local, regional and national independent artists, JONES allows musicians to manage files containing their original work, share songs, communicate with fans online and rate music. By accessing myjonessoda.com, music lovers can find music and then create play lists which can be shared with others.

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Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I am an easygoing, patient individual. I love to laugh. I believe humor has a place in the direst of situations with a proper mindset. Few things get under my skin. Making an appearance on the list are such things as ignorance, deceitfulness and irresponsibility among the people with whom I associate.

When it comes to names in the news, perhaps the one person who rivals San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds for the top spot on my list of people I would not miss; Michael Jackson.

Jackson, the "King of Pop," or as I like to refer to him, the Prince of Pedophilia, disgusts me more than any other person I have never had the opportunity of meeting. My stomach turns at the sight of him.

Last week, CNN broadcast

Tell the Ghost of Neverland Ranch to stop, because I have gotten enough of him

transcripts of the latest accuser's testimony. Believe it or not, the teenager and Jackson did more than sleep in the same bed. I was shocked to hear that.

The teenager said that after a night of drinking at the infamous Neverland Ranch, a child molester's fantasy camp, the life-sized Mr. Potato Head sexually stimulated the then 13-year-old boy.

Sadly, that part did not come as a surprise to me. What stunned me was Jackson's support for masturbation in a boy's life. "The teenager said Jackson told him that a man who doesn't masturbate could end up raping a girl or becoming disabled," a CNN reporter said. To me, saying a person may rape another or become handicapped due to the absence of masturbation, is the logical equivalent to stating an individual may die in a car accident because they are

lactose intolerant. Anything is possible I suppose.

However, I find it difficult to believe people commit a heinous crime like rape because they do not pleasure themselves at a young age.

The accuser went on to tell Jackson, "I don't really want to [masturbate]." The kid and his protestation did not stand in the way of Jackson and his goal of a world without rape, as The Prince lent a helping hand. Am I the only person who notices the irony in this situation?

Wait. There is more to this story. As stated previously, Jackson gave the 13-year-old alcohol. He did so on several occasions. Underage drinking is indeed a crime, as is supplying alcohol to a minor. Nevertheless, I render those crimes meaningless, for stupidity reigns superior in Jackson's mind.

CNN reported, "The boy testified that on three occasions, he expressed concern to Jackson that drinking alcohol might be bad for him because he only had one kidney, having lost the other one to cancer." At least there was one person present with a functioning train of thought.

Jackson, on the other hand, whose train had derailed in the 1980s, insisted nothing bad would happen. Maybe he was right. Right and perhaps, he is innocent. After all, alcohol often lessens the inhibitions of people much older than the accuser was.

If the worlds worst babysitter does not pay for the crimes millions believe he committed, than the least the legal system could do is ban his name and likeness from the public eyes and ears. Maybe then the horror stories starring the Ghost of the Neverland Ranch will cease.

A message from your professors and coaches: Financial burden imposed by increasing costs

Dear Students

When the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education was born on July 1, 1983, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided two-thirds of the funding necessary to operate successfully the 14 state-owned universities.

Over the years, the level of state support has eroded. Today, the Commonwealth supplies less than 40 percent of the State System's needed revenue. Thus, the students and their families have been forced to shoulder an undue share of the burden for increasing costs through tuition and fee hikes.

While the state Legislature and the Governor certainly need to be reminded of the importance of taking care of the state's "own" universities, we believe the State System's own Board of Governors

should do a better job of supporting the State System by making sound financial decisions.

Recently, the Board of Governors approved merit pay increases for administrators (2.5 percent retroactive to July 1) and Cost-of-Living Adjustments of 5.2 percent for the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and eight University Presidents (also retroactive to July 1) while at the same time proposing a 6.2 percent increase in tuition next year.

From 1997-98 to 2003-04, total compensation for the System's faculty increased 23.1 percent. Over the same time period, expenditures for State System management increased a whopping 53.1 percent.

APSCUF believes that all entities within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

are accountable to the 105,000 students, their families and the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In our last faculty collective bargaining agreement, the faculty made unprecedented sacrifices so that the System's costs could be held in check.

Apparently, our efforts aren't mirrored by System management, and tuition has continued to escalate. In addition, the State System has been reluctant to make any changes in its contract proposal to our State System coaches. Our coaches have been working under the terms of an expired contract since July 1, 2004. To this point, our coaches have stayed on the job because of their love for their universities and their student athletes. Our coaches deserve a fair contract, and the APSCUF proposal is not a "high cost" budget item.

We invite you to join us as we demand that the State System make a full and public accounting of its steps to take on a share of the financial burden imposed by increasing costs. It is time for the State System to tighten its belt and stop the rising costs of management in the State System.

APSCUF calls for the State System to develop and publicize a plan for stabilization of the tuition that takes into account management's share of the financial burden.

If you agree with our beliefs regarding our State System coaches and the call for a tuition stabilization plan, please email the State System at feedback@passhe.edu.

Signed,

State APSCUF

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The Federal Election Commission may set regulations on internet blogs

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

I was going to write this column on why I think we have too much of a touchy-feely society, but I figured everyone was sick of the Michael Jackson trial coverage. Instead I thought I would touch on a news story that, being a writer of some sort, hit close to my heart.

Last Friday, the Federal Election Commission chairman delivered a speech indicating that his organization was considering imposing federal regulations on internet blogs. For those of you not up on electronic and political buzzwords, the term "blog" is short for web-log, in which people record their thoughts and feelings. Frequently, blogs are used by

college students to make covert, snide remarks about their ex-significant others and friends.

Yet during this past presidential election season, the blog took on a more prominent position. Blogs that cater to political news and commentary, such as wonkette.com, are now being used and frequently cited by major newscasters. One need not look much further than their websites to find links to blogs and "latest blog stories." It is because of this newfound power of the blog that the FEC is considering imposing regulations under the umbrella of campaign finance laws. This poses some intriguing thoughts deserving of further inquiry.

Many bloggers are in an uproar about what they perceive

to be an intrusion on their constitutional rights of a free press. Yet, there is a critical weakness in this argument; since when is a blog on par with the press? Far be it from me to lecture about journalistic integrity, but, this is an extremely unclear line.

It would seem to me that a blog is on par with the opinion and editorial section in a newspaper or perhaps a yammering political pundit on FOX News or MSNBC. In its very essence, a blog is a compendium of opinion. While opinion is an important facet of a journalistic organization, it does not appear to be its primary purpose. Thus, I tend to believe that the blog, although featured in journalistic works, is not in and of itself a medium of press. After all, a political cartoon,

is also featured in a journalistic work, but is it actual real journalism? I am inclined to say not. It is political in its nature, as is the blog, it may even inform the reader somewhat, but ultimately it is still designed to convey an opinion; and opinions are by definition only one sided. Clearly, one-sidedness is not exactly an ideal attribute of an unbiased press.

The next natural objection to regulation would be that it is an attack on free-speech. This is a valid concern, but I find it highly unlikely that the FEC will attempt the control the content that appears on these blogs, but rather, how the blogs are funded.

Campaign finance is a touchy issue. Say for example, if a blog has a readership of thousands, and comes out in strong

endorsement of a candidate or agenda. Does this count as a donation of services to the campaign or interest group? Or furthermore, suppose that a campaign or interest group parks a donation for "expenses" into the bank account of the blog?

Needless to say, there are some very fuzzy and very fine lines to be drawn when it comes to blogs and I commend the FEC for taking up this issue. If the FEC begins dictating what content can and cannot be placed on blogs then I will surely join the ruckus, but it important to keep elections fair. Any new medium that can possibly be manipulated or abused is surely worth investigation and I believe that the FEC is rightly justified in making their considerations.

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And then there were 64: March Madness is alive

By SHANE WILBER

Flashlight Writer

It has been a long and grueling season for the men's college basketball teams and now it all comes down to what most people would consider the best sporting event in America. March Madness has arrived sports fans and this year's tournament could be one for the ages that will leave us wanting more after it is over. All the sports analysts had their fun this past weekend analyzing the tournament on who they felt got snubbed from the tournament and who they thought would be in the championship game. Now it is my turn to have that same fun as I will weigh in my thoughts of March Madness. Sit back, relax and get ready for March Madness 101.

I had no problem with the teams that made it into the tournament. The seedings of some teams is what I could not figure out. For example, how does the Big East Tournament Champion, Syracuse University, end up getting a no. four seed

in the Austin Regional and a team they had previously defeated in the tournament, the University of Connecticut Huskies, gets a no. two seed in the Syracuse Regional?

Also, a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference, North Carolina State, gets a no. 10 seed in the Syracuse Regional and a team from Conference USA (C-USA), University of North Carolina Charlotte, gets a seven seed. Granted, I will admit that North Carolina State has been a team of uncertainty all season with their up and down play. However, they played in a tougher conference against stronger competition and managed to pull out 19 wins and finish strong with a victory over Wake Forest in the ACC tournament. UNC Charlotte was a strong team all season, they broke into the top-25 poll late in the season, but they ended their season poorly and had a terrible showing in their conference

tournament losing to South Florida in the quarterfinals.

Moving along, I would like to congratulate the selection committee of this tournament on getting the no. one seeds correct for each regional.

Last Sunday, I spent all day pondering who I felt would get the first seeds. Illinois University, University of North Carolina, Duke University and University of Washington were definitely the deserving four teams. The committee did a great job when they rewarded Washington.

Washington is a team that most experts questioned. The concern was whether or not they would actually get a top seed. Washington had put together a quality resume to be able to capture the first seed in the Albuquerque Regional. Beating Arizona twice in a season, victories over North Carolina State and the University of Alabama helped the cause as well. Whether or not all the top seeds make it to the Final Four in St. Louis, Mo. is yet to be determined. However, I believe that these were the best four teams for the seeding.

Now that the brackets are out, where is the toughest Regional bracket? I do not hesitate to say that the Syracuse Regional is loaded with talent. Whoever comes out of that regional will be well on their way to the National Championship. With four conference tournament champions: Bucknell

University, the University of Florida, Ohio University, the University of New Mexico; and four other teams that have been in the top 10 in the polls at some point this season: the University of Kansas, University of North Carolina, North Carolina University State, University of Connecticut; this regional will be jammed packed with action and excitement with the survivor earning their way to the Final Four.

Now what would March Madness be without upsets? Everyone who fills out a bracket is always looking for that possible upset that will either help, or totally hurt their bracket. Looking at each regional I can see three possible upsets in the making. Two games from the Syracuse Regional and one from the Chicago Regional pose potential upsets.

North Carolina State is coming into this tournament with a chip on their shoulder as they have played up and down basketball all season long and with UNC Charlotte struggling with C-USA competition, there is no way they can take down the Wolfpack of NC State.

A team that almost nobody is talking about, but managed to win their conference tournament is New Mexico. They beat a highly touted University of Utah team and is riding that

momentum into their upcoming clash with Villanova University.

Villanova on the other hand has been a solid team in the Big East all season long and has quality wins under their belt. Unfortunately, Villanova lost a tough game to the West Virginia University in the semifinals of their conference tournament. They lost their composure, suffering from a lack of focus and no momentum.

In the Chicago Regional, the University of Nevada can defeat the University of Texas if they jump on Texas early by putting them down on the scoreboard and establishing tempo and not letting them hang around.

Texas was an up and down team all season and never really established much of an identity for themselves. However, a win at Oklahoma State University can never be taken for granted. My radar says beware of Texas advancing.



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Mountaineers grab first playoff win since 1997

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team won their first playoff game in eight years before finishing the season with a loss at Edinboro in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Semifinals.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Justin Kress' three consecutive lay-ups sparked a 9-0 run by the Mountaineers. Mansfield ended their season with a 101-94 loss to Edinboro University.

The PSAC Champion Mountaineers entered the Tournament knowing they needed to win the conference title in order to secure their first

NCAA Division II Tournament berth since 1997. That quest began with a home quarterfinal against Kutztown University, the same team that ended Mansfield season one year before under the same circumstances.

The Mountaineers faced adversity in the opening minutes, not only did they fall behind 8-2, but they lost guard Brandon DeShields for the night to an ankle injury. Mansfield quickly responded with a 14-2 flurry to jump to a 16-10 advantage. The two teams traded baskets until a Brian Bryant's three-pointer expanded the lead to 30-21 with 7:19 left in the first half.

Three consecutive lay-ups by Justin Kress came as Mansfield raised the defensive pressure toward the end of the half. The six points by Kress sparked a 9-0 run that gave Mansfield a 43-27 spread with 2:32 to go in the half. The Golden Bears managed to trim the deficit down to 47-35 at halftime.

The Kutztown push continued in the early portion of the second half. After Mansfield quickly got the lead to 14 at 57-43, the Golden Bears made their one big run. A 20-8 spell cut the Mountaineers' advantage to 65-

63 with 11:46 left in the game. Two free-throws by Bryant and a Carlos Collazo jumper re-established a six point Mansfield cushion.

Kutztown could get no closer than three the rest of the way. Mansfield put the game away with a 10-1 run which increased the Mansfield advantage to 84-72. The spurt was punctuated by a Dave Hoopes three-pointer. The Mountaineers cruised from there to a 95-90 victory to advance to the PSAC Semifinals.

The Mountaineers were led by 23 points from Hoopes, including five three-pointers. Bryant had a career-high 21 points, while Jason Benson chipped in with 19 and Kress posted a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Kutztown was paced by PSAC East Player of the Year Bilal Salaam's 23 points on eight for eight shooting along with eight rebounds in his final collegiate game. Ty Brickus, Bobby Eberhart and Ben Arnold all contributed with 12 points. Mansfield improved to 18-10 with the win while Kutztown finished their season at 15-12.

Mansfield Head Coach Vince Alexander expressed pleasure at being able to end the season of the team that ended Mansfield's 2003-2004 campaign. "When a team ends your season, that stays with you for a whole year," Alexander said. "Now

we were able to get that off our backs, we beat them and send them home, it's a great feeling." That level of focus heading into playoff game was shared by the Mountaineer players as well.

Mansfield senior guard Jeremy Frey explained that he and his Mansfield teammates tried to look past the playoff loss from the previous season and lock in on the present. "We said last year is last year and this year is this year," Frey said. "We beat them twice in the regular season and we knew what we had to do; we did it again." What Mansfield had to do next was go on the road and defeat Edinboro University in the PSAC Semifinals.

The Mountaineers knew coming in they had a tough task in front of them. The Fighting Scots came into the game 14-2 at home on the season. The Mountaineers would also be forced to play without DeShields, who was still out due to the ankle injury he suffered against the Golden Bears. The Mountaineers were able to stay with Edinboro early, as the two teams traded twos before the Fighting Scots made what would prove to be a decisive run. The game was 8-6 Mansfield at the 17:40 mark, but Edinboro made a 15-3 push to gain a 21-11 lead.

The deficit for Mansfield extended to 16 late in the first half, but the Mountaineers clawed to within 46-34 at the half. Mansfield

was hindered by making only 11 of 26 free throw attempts in the first half. The second half did not start well either for the Mountaineers. Edinboro went on a 10-2 flurry to open the half and a 56-36 lead.

The Fighting Scots maintained the sizable margin throughout most of the second half. Coach Alexander received two technical fouls and was ejected with 8:25 left in the game. The Edinboro lead reached as high as 22.

Mansfield suddenly showed signs of life in the final two minutes. Down 18 with 1:46 left, the Mountaineers went on a 15-3 run in the next 1:10, as Benson's lay-up cut the deficit to a manageable six with 36 seconds left. Edinboro managed to hit their free throws down the stretch and finish the Mountaineers off by a score of 101-94.

Mansfield was led by 35 points from Benson in his final game as a Mountaineer and 21 by Hoopes. Jakim Donaldson was the dominant force for Edinboro, posting 20 points and 22 rebounds. The contest was the final game for Mansfield seniors Benson, Bryant, Frey and Ian Anderson. Mansfield's seniors leave the legacy of being able to gain the program's first PSAC East title and their first playoff win since 1997. Mansfield finished the season with a record of 18-11.

Indoor Track and Field season comes to a close

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Indoor Track and Field teams competed in their final meet of the season, the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Indoor Track Championships, on Feb. 26-27 at East Stroudsburg University.

The women's team made a strong showing, starting with junior Charity Learn. Learn posted fourth place finishes in both the mile run and the 3,000-meter run. Learn put up a time of 5:13.44 in the mile and 10:25.04 in the 3,000.

Mansfield also got a big day from their women's relay teams. The 4 x 400, 4 x 800 and distance medley relay squads all provided the Mountaineers with top three finishes. The 4 x 400 team placed third with a new school record time of 4:06.44. The 4 x 800 group achieved second place with a time of 9:40.03. The distance medley relay

team finished in second place as well posting a time of 12:38.03.

Mansfield Track and Field Head Coach Michael Rohl cited the performance of the relay teams as a huge factor. "Our relay teams gave us 22 of our 31 team points," Rohl said. "It was thrilling for me to see them all do so well."

Overall, the women's team finished in ninth place with 31 points.

Despite placing ninth, the Mountaineers were only a couple points out of seventh place out of the 13 participating teams. Rohl believes that will serve as a motivating factor for the women in the future.

"Now that they have how close they came to reaching that point," Rohl said. "They are extremely hungry to work just a little bit harder than they have been and take themselves to that next level."

The women's team will look to do just that heading into the outdoor track season.

On the men's side, it was Chris Cummings setting the pace. Cummings, looking to defend his title in the mile run, instead placed fourth in 4:15.26. The sophomore also finished fifth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:46.73.

The 4 x 800 relay team helped to provide points with a sixth place finish in a time of 8:07.84. Another relay crew, the 4 x 400, posted a school record of 3:29.68.

Senior Keith Drummond contributed with a seventh place result in the 400-meter dash, posting a time of 51.10. The men's team placed 11th overall with seven points.

The PSAC Championships bring the indoor track season to a close. The next competition for the track athletes will be the first outdoor meet of the 2005 season, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 2 at Muhlenburg, Pa.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Charity Learn finished fourth in the mile and the 3,000-meter run at the PSAC Championships.

Boxing Club closes after a hard hitting season

The Mansfield University Boxing Club climbed through the ropes to compete with formidable competitors from West Point (Army), Penn State University, Shippensburg University, Virginia Military Institute (VMI), U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Gettysburg College, University of Maryland, U.S. Navy Academy, the Odyssey Club and host Lock Haven University.

The combatants representing Mansfield were, Dan Lawrence, 147, Chris Phifer, 195 and Bryan Kinat, Heavyweight.

Phifer stepped into the ring first on the afternoon card with Dustin Frank from Penn State. Phifer fought three rounds with the allusive Penn State boxer to lose by 3 - 0 decision. "If I could box Dustin Frank again, I would definitely move more and use my jab against him more with combinations," Phifer said. "This won't happen again."

The next Mansfield University boxer was Heavyweight Kinat boxing the slugger from Shippensburg University, Ryan

Guyer. The first round was a slug fest with Guyer charging and swinging at Kinat for all he was worth. Kinat backpedaled blocking and countering the barrage of punches from Guyer.

Guyrer seemed to have lost some speed in the second round. Kinat boxed his opponent setting him up with quick combinations to the head and body. By the third round, Mansfield's Kinat was able to land the jab on the head of the Shippensburg slugger at will. Kinat won the match by a 2 - 1 decision over Guyer.

Lawrence fought on the evening card's eighth bout against Chris Stolle from VMI. Both men demonstrated good defensive skills. However, Stolle was the aggressor and won the bout with a 3 - 0 decision.

All three of the Mansfield boxers found things they wanted and needed to work on for the next event. They honed their skills and worked on their conditioning for two weeks before heading to the Northeast Regional Championships at West Point on March 10 - 12.

The Mansfield University

Boxing Club was lead by Lawrence and Phifer. Both men met their opponents' courage, strength and heart.

Lawrence boxed Jason Sanchez from Lock Haven University. The bout was a tough one for Lawrence. Sanchez pinned Lawrence on the ropes and in the corner for both rounds. A ring rope broke twice during the bout which gave Sanchez a chance to rest before continuing his relentless attack on Lawrence. The bout was stopped by the referee in the second round. Despite the loss to Sanchez, Lawrence was not discouraged. He closed the season with a 2 - 2 record.

Phifer finished the Thursday night bouts by drawing the Northeast Regional Champion from 2004, Tom Payne from West Point. Phifer used his height and reach advantage with good foot movement to keep Payne off his game. But Payne had too much experience and brawn as he bulled his way into range to force the win over Phifer with a 5 - 0 decision.

Phifer boxed Saturday morning for third place against, Dustin Franks, an opponent that he had fought previously, from Penn State. Phifer knew that Franks could hit hard. He had good movement and was staying ahead of Franks using his combinations and reach advantage to stay ahead of Franks.

Phifer threw a combination. However, he came back with his left hand too low. This allowed Franks to counter with a very hard right to the nose of Phifer. The referee stopped the bout because of the profuse bleeding from his nose. Franks won the contest when the referee stopped the bout.

"This was the first season for both men to compete in the boxing ring," Coach Dennis Garner said. "Conditioning plays a large part toward being successful in the sport



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of boxing. Both of these men are in very good condition but lacked the experience that their opponents had. I believe they will be much better by this time next year. The Mansfield University Boxing Club will be much stronger because of the experience that the athletes of the club received this year. I'm very proud of the way all of the members of the Boxing Club represented themselves on behalf of Mansfield University. We have had a good year."



RESIDENCE LIFE ANNOUNCES: RA SELECTION FALL 2005

INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE
LAUREL LOBBY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

- THURSDAY, 2/24/05 at 9 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, 3/17/05 at 12:30 p.m. & 1 p.m.
- TUESDAY, 3/22/05 at 12:30 p.m. & 1 p.m.

Applications can be obtained starting Wednesday, 2/23/05 from the following locations:

- Information sessions mentioned above
- The front desk of each Residence Hall

Alternate and Resident Assistant positions are available for the fall semester of 2005. FMI: Speak to your RA/GA/ADRL

2005-2006 ROOM SELECTION PROCEDURE:

If you are selecting to return to your same room or are requesting an off campus exemption, complete your request by logging on to my.mansfield.edu.

Online sign-ups will be available from:
March 21 - April 1

- Click on "Room Selection Process."
- Select same room or exemption.
- Fill out form and retain confirmation.

All students must participate in the selection process by either selecting a room or filing an exemption request. Please read and follow carefully the procedures outlined below. Contact your Resident Assistant or building Graduate Assistant for additional help.

Contact the Housing office if you encounter problems at x4934 or e-mail housing@mnsfld.edu

STUDENTS REQUESTING ROOM CHANGE:

| Date | Time | In Pinecrest Lobby, for students requesting: |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| Thursday, April 7 | 4 p.m. | A different room on the same floor |
| | 4:30 p.m. | A different room in the same building |
| | 5 p.m. | A different building |
| Friday, April 8 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Students moving on campus from off Campus, contact the Housing Office visit 120 Pinecrest. |

Mountaineer baseball at full swing after Florida

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

After spending Spring Break competing in Fort Myers, Fla., the Mansfield University Mountaineers return to Mansfield with an 8-4 record behind the solid pitching of Kane Stein and potent hitting.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Eric Baker went 3-3 with four RBIs in the Ft. Myers, Fla. opener against Gannon University.

The Mountaineers began their season on a high note on March 3, beating Gannon University, 14-5. The senior right-hander Stein (3-0), the only returning pitcher from last year's starting rotation, notched the first of his three victories at Gannon's expense, throwing a complete game five-hitter while surrendering only one run.

D.J. Hoshauer led all hitters with five RBIs as the Mountaineer first baseman connected for two hits including a double and his first home run of the season.

The junior from Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., Geoff Bray, silenced the Mansfield bats the following day. Bray pitched a two-hit shutout and handed sophomore Nick Grove (1-1) and the Mountaineers their first loss of the season.

Sophomore designated hitter, David Meldrum drove in 19 runs for the Mountaineers last season. He knocked in his first two runners of the 2005 campaign in a 6-4 victory against Charleston University improving their record to 2-1. Junior southpaw Adam Lorson (2-0), grabbed his first victory in 2005 as the senior J.D. Druckenmiller closed the doors on Charleston for the save.

The Mountaineers fell to 2-3 after losing to Ashland University from Ohio 6-4 and Regis University from Denver,

Colo. 5-4, respectively.

Despite a Hoshauer home run (2) and a Mountaineer sixth inning two-run come back to tie the game at four, the Eagles of Ashland, ranked sixth in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Baseball, scored two runs in the top of the ninth to capture the victory.

The Rangers of Regis attained their eleventh win of the season with the aid of home runs from senior shortstop Mark Steinbach and sophomore right fielder Matt Bralas.

Hoshauer had two hits including his third home run of the season, but could not keep the Mountaineers

in control.

Stein returned to the mound for the Mountaineers in his second start to face the Pioneers of C.W. Post Campus out of Long Island University. He held the Pioneers to one run in six innings on his way to his second triumph pushing Mansfield's record to 3-3.

Druckenmiller, now playing center field, launched his first home run of the season in the 7-2 Mountaineer win.

Mansfield cruised to their second consecutive win thanks to a six-run second inning against the Oilers of the University of Findlay from Ohio.

Four Mountaineers combined to put 11 runs on the scoreboard as Mansfield beat Findlay 11-5. Catcher Kevin Rollins and left fielder Brett Schockloss each drove in two runs while shortstop Travis Wurster added three. First baseman Hoshauer had four RBIs and reached base four times on two walks, a single and a home run (4).

Despite giving up four earned runs on nine hits in five innings, sophomore pitcher Nate Jones (2-1) came away with the win as the Mountaineers improved to 4-3.

Mansfield piled up 10 runs for the third time this season as they let the long-ball do the talking while they handed Kentucky Wesleyan University a 10-5 defeat. Three

Mountaineers hit home runs off Panthers pitching in the win. Hoshauer added his fifth homer of the season while senior second baseman Eric Baker and the junior designated hitter, Colby Rickabaugh, each hit their first. Baker's home run was one of four hits on the day to go along with four RBIs.

Mansfield pitcher Grove walked off the mound in the seventh inning with seven strikeouts in a complete game performance for the victory. The Mountaineers extended their winning streak to three games while standing at 5-3.

The Mansfield offense continued their onslaught against opposing pitching against Merrimack University out of Massachusetts as they improved to 6-3 after a 15-5 win.

Lorson pitched seven innings for the Mountaineers in the triumph as he claimed his second victory in as many starts.

Third baseman Stuart Sumner drove in four runs against Merrimack. The junior had a double and a triple in the rout. Baker (2) and Hoshauer (6) each hit home runs while collecting two and five RBIs, respectively. Hoshauer's fifth home run in as many days was a grand slam in the second inning.

The Mountaineers played the Oilers of the University of Findlay in a double header on March 11. Mansfield extended their double-digit scoring streak, which started against the Oilers on March 7, to four games as they controlled nearly every aspect of the game to win 12-1.

Stein surrendered one run on four hits in four innings to win his third straight start, giving Mansfield a 7-3 record.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Allegretto came in to the game in relief of Stein. He threw three innings and allowed one hit while striking out two hitters.

Home runs were not the Mountaineers offensive means as they pounded 15 hits, two of which were doubles by Baker and Druckenmiller. The other 13 hits were singles.

Baker led the offensive charge with three hits and four RBIs to

lead the Mountaineers to victory in the first game of the double header.

The second game went the way of the Mountaineers as well as they extended their winning streak to six games with a 7-4 win to sweep Findlay in Florida.

Mansfield's Justin Ferguson, a junior left-handed pitcher gave up four runs to the Oilers in the third inning. Jones relieved Ferguson with two outs in the top of the fourth inning. He, along with Rickabaugh did not allow a hit throughout the duration of the game giving the Mansfield offense time to make their eventual move.

The Mountaineers came back in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring six runs thanks in part to a three-run single off the bat of, the then designated hitter, Rickabaugh.

After coming around to score, Rickabaugh stepped out of his original role and took his place on the mound where he closed out the Mountaineer victory for his first save.

The only obstacle standing between the Mountaineers and a flight home was a waiting U-Mass Lowell University team. The River Hawks of U-Mass Lowell ended the Mountaineers six-game win streak with a 4-2 victory behind a complete game outing by senior pitcher, Brad Laurin. The left-handed ace held Mansfield to eight hits and only allowed one earned run.

Junior pitcher, Ryan Mantua came in relief of Grove and was handed the loss for the Mountaineers, dropping his record to 0-1. In his second of two innings of relief, Mantua allowed two runs in the seventh inning.

After winning eight of 12 games, the Mountaineer Head Coach, Harry Hillson, was pleased with the outcome. "I was happy with the way the team played," Hillson said. "Anytime we can come home from Florida winning more than half our games, we're happy."

Hoshauer, the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East player of the week, ended the road trip with six home runs and 19 RBIs. Hillson has high hopes for Hoshauer. "D.J. [Hoshauer] is off to a great start," Hillson said. "He got his feet planted after the

first couple games and hit a few home runs. He is going to swing the bat better than he did in Florida this season."

The Coach of the Mountaineers, the returning PSAC East champions, is prepared for a competitive conference this year. "I think we'll have a good shot at winning the conference again," Hillson said. "West Chester [University] and Kutztown [University] had good teams last year and will be good this year too. You can't count anyone out yet. Every team begins the season 0-0."

The Mountaineer pitching staff limited their opposing hitters to four runs per game over the road trip. Hillson believes the pitching staff will be the strength of the Mansfield baseball program. "Stein is pitching well," Hillson said. "Our bullpen did real well. Rickenbaugh, Druckenmiller and Matt Baker will be our closers this year. Last year, closer Marty Rakaczewski appeared in 31 games while saving a school record 12 games. "It takes three pitchers to equal a Marty Rakaczewski," Hillson said.

The Mountaineers will play the visitor role in a double header at 1 p.m. on Saturday at California University of Pennsylvania. Both teams will then travel back to Mansfield for a double header at noon on Sunday providing the condition of Shaute Field is playable. Should the condition of the field be poor, the games will be held at California University.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Kane Stein is 3-0 this season.



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005

Lady Mountaineers dominate in spring break road trip

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield Mountaineer softball team outscored their opponents 84-7 in their 9-1 road trip over Spring Break as they began this seasons' push for a Pennsylvania State Athletic Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Raleigh, N.C.

The Mountaineers began their road trip in a dominant fashion due to a combined no-hitter thrown by Kristen Dean and Alison Tagliaferri to beat Concord University, 5-0. Despite walking two batters, thus eliminating the perfect game, the two junior pitchers faced the minimum number of hitters (21).

Dean (4-1), who began the game and threw four innings, struck out five batters while surrendering two walks on the way to her first victory of the year. Tagliaferri closed the contest while fanning five opponents.

The Mountaineers then shut out the offense of Columbia Union University, 9-0, thanks to a four-inning performance by senior starting pitcher Amy Martino. Martino

allowed one hit in her outing.

Freshman Stacey Dean, the younger sister of Kristen, led the Mountaineer offense with a double and a home run as Mansfield scored nine runs in four innings off Columbia Union starter Sarah Gaffney, a member of the 2005 Division II All-Independent Pre-Season softball team. S. Dean was perfect from the plate collecting hits in both of her appearances including a double and a home run. She led the Mountaineers with four RBIs as Mansfield improved to 3-0.

Up next for the Mountaineers was Bloomfield College. The tandem of K. Dean and Tagliaferri silenced the opposing team once again. Dean allowed one run on four hits in six innings of work while striking out nine.

Mansfield would take their undefeated record (4-0) to face the Crusaders of Belmont Abbey College. The Crusaders ended the Mountaineers three-game win streak by handing them a 3-2 loss. Freshman Shalyn Duffy allowed nine Mansfield hits in a complete game victory, dropping the Mountaineers to 4-1.

Junior catcher, Sytiva Seitz connected on her first home run of the season, but could not lift Mansfield to their fifth straight win.

Dean threw another gem the following day against the University of Charleston, surrendering seven hits and recording seven punch outs in the 11-0 win.

After an offensive shut-down at the hands of Belmont Abbey, the Mountaineer offense took charge,

part to three defensive miscues by Charleston.

Shortstop Kris Kelly, third baseman Tricia Bailey and left fielder Heather Long each had one double in the affair. Bailey contributed two RBIs in the triumph as the Mountaineers improved to 5-1.

The Mansfield pitching staff was nearly untouched once again as Martino and sophomore pitcher Christine Ross held the ladies of Montreat College to one hit in five innings to move the Mountaineers to 6-1 on the season.

Martino did not allow a base runner in three innings while she mowed down seven batters via strike out. Ross closed the game with two innings of work, giving up the only hit in the game.

The three-headed monster of Kelly, Bailey and Long provided the pop in the offense at the expense of Montreat. Kelly and Bailey each added a double while Long connected on a home run.

Mountaineer second baseman, Shannon McDonnell also added a home run in the Mansfield win.

Seitz notched her second home run on the season to give K. Dean the necessary run support in the Mountaineers rematch with Bloomfield College on March 10.

Dean surrendered four hits in a six-inning complete game victory. The win was her fourth of the young season.

Along with her long-ball, Seitz added a double and scored three runs in the Mountaineer win.

With the victory, Mansfield improved to 7-1.

The Mountaineers handed the ball to Martino to face Concord for the second time in four days.

Martino (3-0) collected her third win while giving up two runs on one hit and striking out eight over four innings.

She and Ross combined for a two-hitter in five innings.

The Mountaineer offense exploded for 11 runs off 12 hits off of Concord pitcher Kristen

Robinette. Kelly knocked a double and drove in three runs and Martino helped her own cause by grabbing two RBIs on a double in her only plate appearance.

Long clubbed her second home run of the season in the onslaught 11-2 to bring Mansfield to 8-1.

After nearly a week of competition in Myrtle Beach S.C., Mansfield headed to Raleigh, N.C. to play two against St. Augustine College Falcons.

The first of the pair of games between the Falcons and the Mountaineers went the way of the red and black as Mansfield won, 17-0.

K. Dean was at the top of her game again as she stifled the Falcon bats, allowing one hit over five innings to extend the Mountaineer win streak to five games.

S. Dean helped out her sister by providing some run support with a single, a triple and two RBIs. She also scored twice in the victory.

Catcher Nancy Quinn led the Mountaineer offense with three hits and three runs.

The Mountaineers were victorious in the second contest as well, as they put 11 runs on the board in the 11-1 win.

Christine Ross allowed one run on two hits in her first start of the season, notching her first win.

Long had two hits in three at-bats, driving in one and scoring three times against the Falcons pitching.

First baseman Jessica Nordblom drove in one run on an RBI triple in the third inning of the closing game of the double header.

Many of the Mountaineers enjoyed successful individual performance to go along with a solid team presentation.

The older Dean, although



SPORTS INFORMATION

Dean threw a no-hitter and a one-hitter in the Lady Mountaineers most recent road trip.

recording the only Mansfield loss, is the ace of the pitching staff. In five games this season, she has attained a 0.55 ERA as she struck out 31 batters in 27.2 ip. Dean has gone the distance with three complete games and three shut outs in five starts.

Martino is the owner of a 1.17 ERA and an unblemished record in four starts.

Long leads the team in batting average (.480), base hits (12) and runs (11). Long also shares the lead in doubles (4) with Kelly and Bailey and RBIs (9) with Kelly. The team lead in home runs (2) is also shared by Long and Seitz.

The Mountaineers ended their trip to the Carolina's with a six-game winning streak and a 9-1 record. Mansfield carries a 10-1 record on the season and will play the Virginia Union University Panthers at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Virginia Union University.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Heather Long leads the Mansfield University Softball team in offensive statistics.

scoring 11 runs on five hits, thanks in

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New changes being implemented for room selection

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's Housing Department is making some changes to help improve the lives of students, including adjustments to the room selection process and renovations in Cedarcrest Manor.

Carmen Bianco, the Associate Director of Housing Operations, said that the room selection process has basically remained the same as in previous years. The major exception this year is if a student wants

to remain in the same room or file an off campus exemption, they can apply online until tomorrow, April 1.

Previously, students had to e-mail a request to Bianco. He would then approve it and relay the information to the secretaries who are responsible for entering the information in the system.

With this new process, the information goes directly into the system and makes the procedure much easier for both students and staff.

Bianco said the big change this year is the conversion of the suites in Cedarcrest Manor to three double rooms.

"The problems historically with suites are that students complain about not having enough room and also parents are concerned that it is hard enough to get along with one person let alone five other roommates," Bianco said.

Suites are usually given to

freshman and they typically struggle with their school work, according to Bianco. He feels that by having suites, his department does not feel they are helping the students help themselves.

Some students disagree with the plan to divide suites because they are an integral part of social interaction within residence halls.

"I think it is a bad idea," Christopher Phifer, Resident Assistant in Cedarcrest, said. "The suites are large social parts of the

floor where people hang out a lot and it could possibly break up floor unity. Also, the suites are what make Cedarcrest unique from the other dorm's."

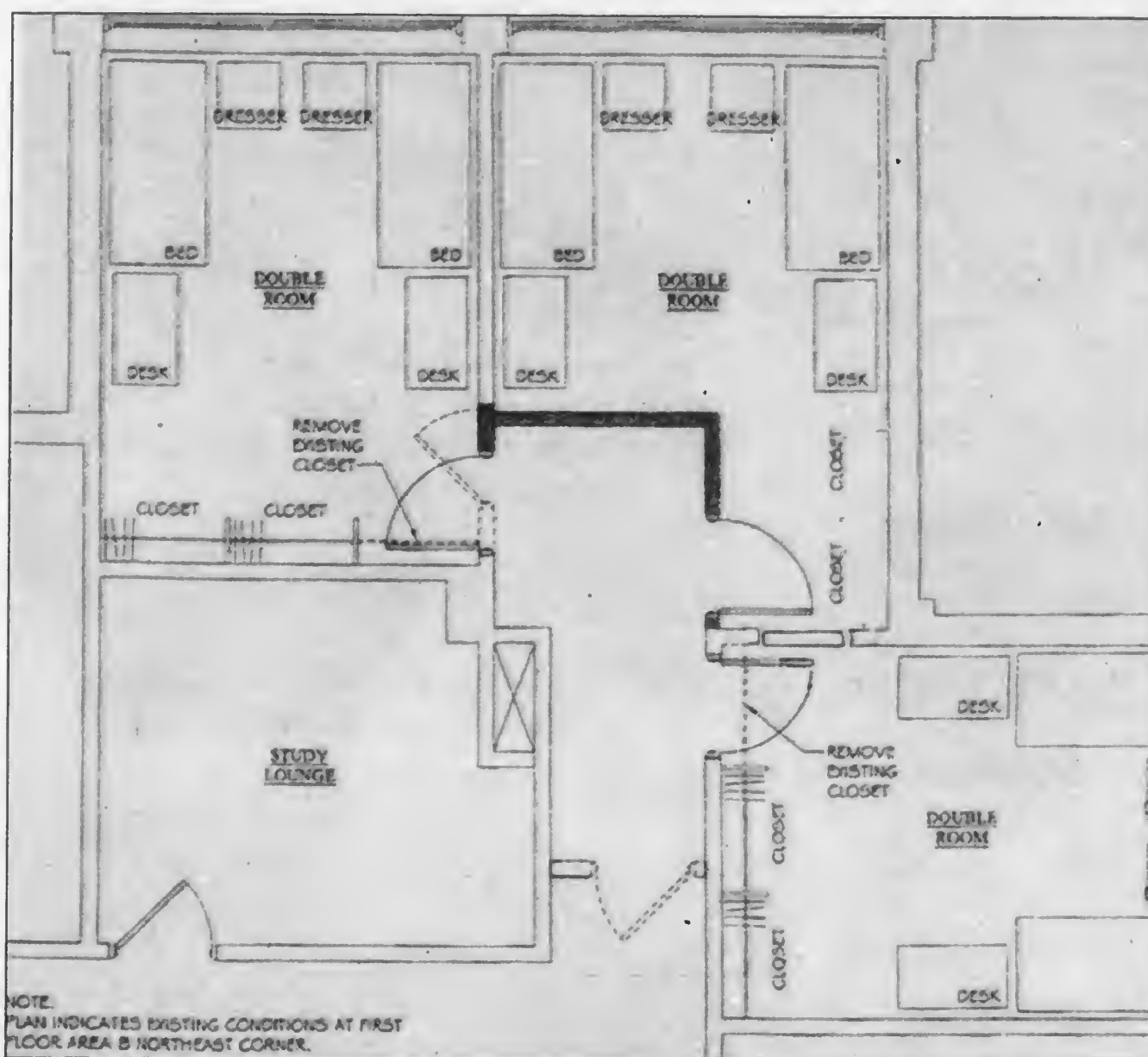
Bianco understands that people will be upset about Cedarcrest no longer having suites but said he

feels it will be better for students in the long-run.

In theory, students will still be able to have the atmosphere of a suite, the only difference will be that instead of two bedrooms and a common room there will be three double rooms.

Students currently living in the suites will be able to use the new online procedure if they would like to live in one of the suite rooms next semester or if they would like to maintain their "suite."

Bianco said he hopes to have a model room completed by the end of April. This way students will be able to go into the room and see



MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE LIFE

The suites in Cedarcrest will no longer be an option for students next semester. The suites will be divided into three different rooms starting this summer, each room will house two students each. Carmen Bianco hopes to have a model of the new rooms in April.

how it will be set up. The actual conversion of all of the suites will not begin until summer. As far as a complete renovation of Cedarcrest, Bianco does not see that happening for a couple more years.

"We are trying to give students a break from renovations," Bianco said. "We went from Maple to Laurel to Pinecrest, constantly

moving students around. We just think we should give students a break from moving."

Room selection for students requesting a different room, a different floor or a different building altogether will be held at 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., respectively on Thursday, April 7 in the Pinecrest lobby. Priority will be

established within each group by the number of credits a student has earned. People who plan on living together will have their credits averaged together. Bianco said that he hopes in the near future students will be able to complete the entire room selection process online, but for now he is pleased with the progress they have made.



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Today's Weather

Mostly cloudy with
20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 57° Low: 39°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather



TODAY

Mostly cloudy with 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 57° Low: 39°

FRIDAY

Showers with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 50° Low: 33°

SATURDAY

Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 45° Low: 32°

SUNDAY

Showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 49° Low: 32°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 51° Low: 34°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 52° Low: 35°

WEDNESDAY

Light rain with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 50° Low: 34°

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★ **Have empty cartridges?** Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used ink cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorm's.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group through the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at x5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ **The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education** announces that Laura Cenknner and Caleb Wheaton have each won a \$100 gift certificate to the campus bookstore. Laura and Caleb were chosen at random to win after completing the PASSHE's online survey. The grand prize winner of the \$2,000 scholarship came from Lock Haven University. Congratulations to all the winners.

★ **The Mansfield Activities Council** would like to thank all of the students who helped out at the Lloyd Banks concert and a special thanks to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Ted Ford for volunteering to do the stage/lights/sound setup and tear down.

★ **HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2005** will be held on Thursday March 31, 2005. There will be tables in Alumni Hall and Lower Manser set up from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. where ribbons, condoms and information will be passed out. A speaker in Alumni 317, will be speaking about Women and AIDS, and living with HIV/AIDS from 12:30 p.m.- 2 p.m. In the evening, the movie *Philadelphia* will be shown at 7 p.m. followed by a Candlelight Remembrance Service in Alumni 307.

★ **"Seeds of Hope Partners"** is a small, all-volunteer group currently made up of 80 people which was formed in hopes of giving those in need the basic essentials of survival. They meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Department of Human Services in Wellsboro in hopes of aiding in the fight that is affecting Tioga County. For more information visit www.seedsofhopepartners.org or contact Carl Matteson at (570) 835-5169.

BSU panel discussion focuses on results of Banks' concert

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

and HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight News Co-Editor

Concerned students, faculty and staff members met last Wednesday at 6 p.m. to discuss the Lloyd Banks concert in 307 Alumni Hall Union Building.

President of the Black Student Union, Nija Smith organized a panel to speak when the normal BSU meetings are held. "The whole purpose of this is to make better decisions for the next year," Smith said.

Members from the Music Department, Mansfield University Advocacy Association, WNTE-FM and Campus Crusade for Christ were on the panel as well as Clarence Crisp from Student Activities. Dr. Shari Clarke, Vice President of Student Affairs, was also in attendance and called upon to answer some questions from her spot in the audience as well.

Concerns ran the gamut from safety to racial profiling and after parties. Students voiced concerns about racial profiling based on the fact that security seemed to be higher than at any other concert as well as the lock down of buildings on campus and the closing of The Hut.

Opinions between the group were divided. Some agreed with the increased security and others did

not. "I think the lockdown is for our benefit," Na'eem Douglas said.

Countering Douglas, however was Jennifer Caslin, Program Director for WNTE. "We cannot shrivel up and hide because some-



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Banks, member of G-Unit performed March 18 with varying opinions on the results.

thing might be scary," Caslin said.

On the part of Mansfield Activities Council, the provided security was the same as with past concerts on campus. Students were recruited as well as four members of the campus police.

According to a memo sent to Mansfield University Cabinet members, Chief Shegan, of the Mansfield University Campus Police had received "numerous calls from law enforcement agencies

across the country regarding safety concerns and from institutions scheduled to host future Lloyd Banks concerts."

The panel talked mostly about the security issues and stemmed from there to what was good about the concert.

"Overall it went well and I think the outcome of how many people came was pretty impressive." Carlos Perez, head of Security for the event, said. "Lock Haven came, Shippensburg came, Temple came. Some people came all the way from Syracuse to see it."

As of yet, it is unknown just how many people attended the event, but according to Crisp the event is what was called a "sleeper." A sleeper is an event where more people show up than expected.

Students attending the panel who did go to the concert all seemed to agree that the show was a success. They enjoyed themselves and got what they were there for: diverse entertainment.

"I thought Mansfield did a good thing, leading by example when they actually went through with bringing the concert to the campus," said Femi Ogundele, a sophomore and senator of the Student Government Association. Although he was unable to attend the panel, Ogundele was vocal about his beliefs beforehand.

SGA Update: Upcoming events for everyone

By ELIZABETH O'DELL

Flashlight Writer

President for a Day Raffle: Want a chance to be the President of the University for a day? The Student Government Association is holding its annual raffle this week. Tickets are \$1. See any senator for your ticket or stop by the SGA office in room 321 AHUB to pick one up. All proceeds go to a charity. The drawing will be held on April 4 at the weekly meeting.

Twinkle Lights: SGA will be putting up lights in South Hall mall on Tuesday, April 2.

Day Old Bread Drive: Hurley's supermarket has offered their day old bread to the food pantry in Mansfield for the entire month of April, but SGA needs your help to pick it up and deliver it. If you or your organization is interested in helping, please call the SGA office at ext. 4984.

Senate Elections: SGA will be holding elections during April 6-7. Senators serve for the duration of one aca-

demic year and may be re-elected. To qualify for the position of Senator, a student must: (A) Have earned a minimum of 12 credits at time of application (note—exception for "New Student" Senator positions); (B) Maintain at least a 2.00 out of 4.00 QPA; (C) Not have his or her term of office interrupted by graduation (with the exception of returning graduate students, who pay the activity fee); (D) Not have his or her term of office interrupted by an internship or student teaching assignment if either would hinder him or her performing the required duties of the position; (E) Not be delinquent in payment of the Student Activity Fee. All individuals interested please stop by the SGA office in 321 AHUB, send an e-mail at mansfieldsga@yahoo.com and pick up an application. Applications are due 4 p.m. on April 4 in the SGA office or 512 North Hall.

Website: The website is up and running. Please check it out at www.musga.org to find out what SGA is all about.



PHOTO BY ERICA HUDOCK

The photography exhibit, "Spaces in Motion," is currently on display in the Mansfield University Gallery until Friday, April 29.

Lock Haven professor displays photo art in Mansfield University Gallery

By JOCELYN GATES

Special to The Flashlight

Photographer Phillip Huber spoke to Mansfield Students about his career and exhibit "Spaces in Motion" at the Mansfield University Gallery on Thursday, March 23.

Huber, photographer and Associate Professor of Art at Lock Haven University, presented an exhibit of his photographs that are available to view until Friday, April 29.

His collection called "Spaces in Motion" focuses on the interior spaces from all over the world. His photographs feature images from both Paris and the Westminster tube station in London. Huber's photographs give the viewer a different perspective of spaces that are often ignored or forgotten.

"These images deal with spaces and how we move about them everyday in the speed we do, whether we pass right by or remember bits and pieces," Huber said.

Huber achieves this perspective by keeping his camera in motion at all times, and taking hundreds of images.

"Out of 700 images, I only get one or two," Huber said. "You do not have to know what you are shooting and you do not have to know what the image is going to be; that is the exciting part."

"His photographs capture day by day life in a different perspective, the images are so much more than a set of stairs or the inside of a room," Michelle Murphy, a Mansfield student, said. "Since most of our day involves moving from one place to the next, I feel that his photography represents life."

Huber also spoke about his future exhibition in the making entitled "Passages," also involving the photography of interior spaces. The Mansfield University Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in North Hall, and is open to all students and members of the community. The exhibit and artist's lecture were sponsored by the Mansfield University Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, which is funded by Mansfield University College Community Services.

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Spotlight on Student Affairs: Career Development Center

By EMILEE DANIELSON
Flashlight Writer

Sometimes when students hear the words Career Development Center, they often believe it is an office that cannot help them until their senior year. Under the direction of Julia Overton-Healy, the Career Development Center is a place where any student can find help for anything career related.

Julia Overton-Healy came to Mansfield University in January of 2004. In her short time at Mansfield, she has helped the Career Development Center become an amazing resource for the entire campus.

"The Career Development Center is a full service center, meaning that we have services to be used by students of all levels," Overton-Healy said.

At the Career Development Center, students can take advantage of programs like FOCUS which can help match your interests to a specific career. Also available is assistance in finding internships or summer work and help with resume and cover letter writing. For juniors and seniors, the Career Development Center can

assist with access to job fairs and on-campus recruiting interviews, grad school admission tests and essays, strategic job searching and other skills that need refining before graduation.

In addition to skills that help students after college, there are several that can help students now. Opportunities like online resume posting, help with mock interviews and finding a summer job can be found at the Career Development Center. These opportunities can be essential in developing the kind of connections that may assist you in finding a job after college.

The Career Development Center can also assist students in finishing credits and degree requirements as well.

"We also serve as the administration center for a wide variety of tests, like Praxis (for teacher candidates), CLEP, GRE and MAT," Overton-Healy said.

While tests like the Praxis generally apply only to education majors and the GRE's are for graduate school-bound students, CLEP tests can help students earn college credits without spending a semester in a classroom. The Career

Development Center also offers information on graduate schools and test preparation books for the exams mentioned above.

"We do a lot out of our little Center," Overton-Healy said.

Even with all that is available now, Overton-Healy and her administrative assistant Bev Gass are working on the new Mountaineer Leadership Certificate program.

This program will offer a "co-curricular certificate for students who complete a series of interactive workshops on various topics related to leadership development. It will be a great addition to their academic preparation when they prepare to enter the workforce," Overton Healy said. The program will be of no cost to students and it will eventually involve three levels of certificates to complete. The bronze level for this program is set to debut in the fall.

The Career Development Center is located in 305 South Hall. Appointments can be made by calling 662-4133. Further information can be found on the Career Development Center webpage at web.mansfield.edu/career/.

What in the world

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

WORLD NEWS

VATICAN CITY, ITALY - Pope John Paul II made a 12 minute appearance at his window on Easter Sunday after Mass. This was the first Mass on Easter that he did not preside over in his 26-year reign as Pope. When he tried to speak only a whisper could be heard. Rather than speaking he made several silent signs of the cross. Despite not being able to speak, the Pope appeared to be recovering well from his tracheotomy that took place two weeks ago.



BAGHDAD, IRAQ - At least 10 Iraqis were killed on Monday March 28 in three separate attacks in Baghdad and on a road heading towards Karbala a city where thousands of people are making an annual pilgrimage this week. A car bomb on that road killed seven people and injured nine. A policeman was killed trying to dismantle a roadside bomb and three more were injured. Gunmen opened fire and killed an Iraqi police official and his driver. The Iraqi police and government officials are often targets of attacks.

BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA - A earthquake with a magnitude of 8.2 occurred on Monday off the coast of Indonesia. The quake lasted for about two minutes and people of Banda Aceh poured into the streets to get to higher ground. The quake occurred on the same fault line as the Dec. 26 earthquake which caused the tsunami that killed at least 175,000 people. Officials issued a

tsunami warning for residents of southern Thai provinces.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The 17 American soldiers involved in the deaths of three prisoners in Iraq during 2003 and 2004 will not be prosecuted by Army commanders despite recommendations by investigators. The charges include murder, conspiracy and negligent homicide. None of them face prosecution and only one received a letter of reprimand, while another was discharged following the investigations.

LECANTO, Fla. - Approximately 1,000 people gathered on Saturday March 26 to mourn the death of 9 year-old Jessica Lunsford. She had last been seen in February when he grandmother tucked her into bed. He body was found March 19 about 150 yards from her house close to the home of John E. Couey. Couey has confessed to kidnapping Jessica and is charged with murder, battery, kidnapping and sexual battery.

BELLEFONTE, Pa. - A single-engine plane carrying two families crashed on Saturday March 26, killing all six people aboard. The families were on their way to Penn State University to watch the pilot's son play in a lacrosse game. The plane crashed only 10 miles from the airport in State College; officials believe that icing may have contributed to the crash.

Information taken from
www.nytimes.com and
www.cnn.com.

Career Development Center offers suggestions for stressful seniors

By LEAH BURROUS
Flashlight Writer

A recent state survey shows that there is a decrease in the jobs available in Pennsylvania, according to a March 23 press release from the Mansfield University Public Relations.

Jennifer Woods, an education major, is not affected by these statistics. She is looking for a local job, but feels "if there is anything in demand it would be education," Woods said. "You always need teachers and there is not much industry around."

Julia Overton-Healy, the Director of Career Development, feels that there is a job local scarcity and students will have to "look beyond what they originally planned." She feels that there are several education majors that will find job-searching a challenge due to basic supply and demand.

"Being ready to re-locate is going to help most students find work," Healy said. "Jobs are pretty scarce, especially in this area." Healy recommends looking for jobs in places like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh where there are more job opportunities in all fields of expertise.

Seniors also need to be strategic about their networking, according to Healy. It is not "who you know, but more importantly who knows you," Healy said. She advises standard job searching online to appropriate and to submit multiple applications.

"[Students] should have different types of resumes ready to go," Healy said. "One is not going to get it done."

Healy is holding a career awareness hall-wide session at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 in the Maple Manor lobby. She will go over these ideas and the basics, including things like, "why 'temping' is a good idea."

Healy feels that Mansfield University provides several workshops that build career readiness skills. She lists criminal justice, fisheries, social work and psychology as some of the "academically viable programs." The "faculty is sensitive to what you need to be competitive in the work field," Healy said. "You need leadership ability and the ability to work on a team."

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April Fool's Day - A brief history of holiday pranks

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

You open your eyes and peer at your alarm clock. Oh, no. You missed a big test. You get out of bed and trip on your way to the dresser. Suddenly, you hear laughing. You turn around to see your roommate. He shows you his watch.

Then he yells those two words that make you flush with embarrassment: "April Fool's."

April Fool's Day started in France. Many historians believe the tradition began around 1582. Charles IX reformed the calendar, introducing the new Gregorian Calendar. This reform moved New Year's to Jan. 1. Unbeknownst to most people, New Year's in France used to be a week-long celebration. It lasted from March 25-April 1.

The French citizens who decided not to follow the Gregorian Calendar were called "April Fools." Each year the townspeople of France started to play pranks on the "fools." The jokes and pranks became known as "Poisson d'avril," which is French for "April fish."

The fools were called fish because young fish are usually caught quite quickly because of their ignorance.

The tradition was eventually practiced in many countries of the

world, including America.

Pranks in America range from perfectly innocent to downright cruel. To have a little fun, the following is a brief description of five of the funniest pranks of all time, according to www.museumofhoaxes.com.

Enjoy them. Remember, these pranks really took place in various parts of the world.

It was April 1, 1957. The BBC News show, "Panorama" reported that Swiss farmers were finding a surprisingly large spaghetti crop due to the mild winter. "Panorama" said the number of "spaghetti weevils" had also decreased, leaving the farmers with a much larger crop. The news report was complete with video footage of the farmers pulling spaghetti strands from trees. Viewers were so convinced that they called the show, asking how to grow their own spaghetti trees. The reporters told these viewers to "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

Sports Illustrated also caused a little mischief when it published the April '85 issue. The issue included an article about Sidd Finch. The article said Finch was going to be the newest rookie for the New York Mets. It reported that Finch, having never played the game of baseball

in his life, could accurately throw a baseball 168 miles per hour. The article claimed Finch learned how to pitch in a Tibetan monastery. Mets fans responded with letters to *Sports Illustrated*, asking for more news about Finch (who, of course, did not exist).

The place was Sweden in the year 1962. Only one television channel was broadcast in Sweden at this time: a black and white channel. Kjell Stensson was a technical expert of the television station. He appeared on a news broadcast on Apr. 1, 1962 to inform the public of Sweden that a new technology had been born. Stensson claimed the viewers at home could see the broadcast in color. How? By stretching a nylon over the television screen. Stensson actually demonstrated this on the air. According to reports, hundreds of thousands of people fell for the April Fool's joke. Color TV would finally come to Sweden in 1970. Believe it or not, it made its debut on April 1. How ironic.

America is the site of this next prank. In 1998, Burger King decided to have a little fun with its customers. On April 1, they advertised something the fast food world had never seen: the "Left-Handed Whopper." The ad claimed this

Whopper would have all the ingredients as the original. All the condiments, however, were going to be rotated 180 degrees. The amazing thing about this prank is that people actually fell for it. According to Burger King's press release, thousands of customers walked into Burger King and asked for the Left-Handed Whopper that day. Some people were even requesting "Right-Handed Whoppers."

This final prank also took place in America. The corporation was none other than Taco Bell. On April 1, 1996 the corporation said it bought the Liberty Bell from the American government. Taco Bell also said they decided to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. No one could possibly believe this, right? Wrong. Reports say angry citizens called Philadelphia's National Historic Park to complain about Taco Bell's purchase. During one call, White House press secretary Mike McCurry told an outraged citizen that the Lincoln Memorial had also been bought, but not by Taco Bell. McCurry said its new name was the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial. A few hours later, Taco Bell announced the stunt was an April Fool's joke.

These are just some of the outrageous pranks people have pulled in the past. What will you do on April Fool's Day?

April Fool's Day Around the World

Scotland:

The day is known as "Gowkie Day" or "Hunt the Gowk."

Orkney Isles:

The pranks are celebrated on April 2, a day known as "Tailing Day."

England:

An April Fool is an April Noddy

France:

An April Fool is called a "fish." It is tradition to send your friends a small gift in the form of a small fish.

Cornwall:

An April Fool is a "guckaw" or "gowk," other words for cuckoo.

Cheshire:

An April Fool is an April "gawby" or "gobby."

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Career Development Center

April 4, 2005

North Central Pa. College Consortium Job and Internship Fair. YMCA Arena, 320 Elmira St., Williamsport, Pa.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Mansfield University students can pick up entrance tickets from the Career Development Office.

April 7, 2005

Pa. Civil Service Commission Information Session
Room 301 AHUB, two sessions: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

April 12, 2005

North Central Pa. Education Consortium
Bloomsburg University 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mansfield University students can pick up entrance tickets from the Career Development Office.

April 13, 2005

Mansfield University Education Fair
Multipurpose Room, 317 AHUB, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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 - VCR
 - Television
- What is the name of Marcy's first husband?
 - Sylvester Teller
 - Jefferson Darcy
 - Alvin Diamond
 - Steve Rhoades
- When Peggy's cousins visit, they leave behind their son. What is his name?
 - Six
 - Seven
 - Eight
 - Soda
- When the family dog, Buck, dies, he is reincarnated into _____, the Bundy's next dog.
 - Vicious
 - Happy
 - Lucky
 - Dog
- How many touchdowns did Al score in one game at Polk High?
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four
 - Five
- Where do Al and Grif work?
 - Gary's Shoes
 - Mary's Shoes
 - Harry's Shoes
 - Sherry's Shoes
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 - Prostitute
 - Model
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"S" is for students, spring and sneezing

By SHAWNA TIGHE
Special to The Flashlight

Spring is officially here. In spring, many are faced with seasonal allergies. Although many look forward to this season, others dread this time of year because the sprouting flowers and breezy weather conditions that bring more pollen through the air. The seasonal allergy generally lasts longer than a traditional cold and could prove to be more annoying. Some symptoms of allergies include itchy and watery eyes sneezing, wheezing, fatigue and sore throat.

Allergies may feel like cold symptoms at first. However, allergy symptoms can last from a couple of weeks to several months. Lori Hall, a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner at the Mansfield University clinic, explains the difference between cold and allergy symptoms.

"Usually, with a cold, one sneezes for only the first twenty-four hours," Hall said. "With allergies, sneezing is continuous. Symptoms typically last from a few weeks to months. With allergies, mucous is clear. With colds, a colored mucous is present."

Allergies only affect individuals that are sensitive to the aller-

gens produced. How exactly are allergens spread through the air? According to Dr. Ira Finegold, "Plants reproduce sexually by spreading pollen from one plant species to another. Some plants have beautiful, scented flowers that attract insects that will spread the pollen around as they

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move from flower to flower. Other plants produce unscented flowers that no insect would bother with. These plants rely on the wind to move the pollen around." This spreading pollen is what allergy-sensitive individuals have to blame for their prolonged cold symptoms.

According to Hall, allergy-sensitive students living on campus may have a higher risk of developing symptoms. "Dry air exasperates many of the common symptoms one would have with seasonal allergies. Some of these symptoms are sneezing, coughing

and running noses," Hall said. She explained that dust might be resting in the vents or heating systems. When air begins blowing, that dust is also circulating in the air. This aggravates the allergy sensitive individual and those suffering from asthma. This is why dormitory living can be unpleasant for allergy-sensitive individuals.

Hall also mentioned Mansfield students from bigger cities may not be used to the allergens at Mansfield. Within two weeks, these students experience allergies. Many times, the students are not aware they are experiencing allergy symptoms.

There are many medications that can help relieve allergy symptoms. Antihistamines can help reduce the effects of allergies. Many over-the-counter antihistamines may make one drowsy, but Claritin allergy medication helps alleviate symptoms without making a person drowsy. Another option is to see a doctor to have medicine prescribed. Two other medications doctors prescribe to allergy patients are Zyrtec

Reel Big Fish - CD Review

We're Not Happy 'Till You're Not Happy

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

I managed to get my hands on an advance copy of Reel Big Fish's new CD which is due to come out April 6. The album, *We're Not Happy 'Till You're Not Happy*, is their first release since 2002's "Cheer Up!" Not lacking in characteristic wit, the new album is a solid release. It represents a musical attack on life as a recording artist and the recording industry itself.

With tracks like "Don't Start A Band" and "One Hit Wonderful," songwriter Aaron Barret is clearly addressing experiences Reel Big Fish has had over



PHOTO FROM WWW.GAZETTE.COM
This is the first album for the Reel Big Fish since 2002.

the years. Reel Big Fish first made it big with their hit single "Sell Out" in 1997. This effectively launched the infamous ska boom of the late-nineties. By the time their follow up album, *Why Do They Rock So Hard?*, was released, it seemed their mainstream career ended as quickly as it had begun.

Musically, it seems like the band has matured. Many of the songs on the new album are written as a retrospect. Songs like "The Joke's On Me" and "The Story of My Life" show a newfound willingness to address personal feelings and thoughts without as much of a sarcastic edge. Additionally, the band seems to have taken on a less punk edge in favor of more melodic and traditional ska flavors. However, Ska-punk fans need not fear. The energy and pace of the songs are still quite high. The album opens with two songs called "The Fire" and "Drinkin'." These are heavy on ska-punk and sound eerily similar to Barret's side project, The Forces of Evil.

Skillful crafting on the part of Reel Big Fish leads the listener from older style anthems, sarcasm and general insanity to a newer, laid back, mature sound. This is

the result of years on the road and loss. The album is a delightful treat. It is the perfect blend of rawness and skillful production. As mainstream music continues to be home to over-produced, over-hyped artists that produce their albums to such perfection. This new album from Reel Big Fish is a welcome change. When listening to *We're Not Happy 'Till You're Not Happy*, one notices a refreshing lack of layers upon layers of vocal and horn tracks. Production wise, the album is simply perfect.

The only negative comment one could have is that the album takes on a darker tone during its second half. Wrought with bitterness and angst over mistreatment at the hands of record labels and life in general, the group sometimes comes off as a bit too abrasive. However, the honesty and legitimacy of the grief and consistent quality of music simply override this complaint. The album also includes covers of Tracy Chapman's "Revolution" and Morrissey's "We Hate it When Our Friends Become Successful."

Ultimately, this is the best release from a 90s-ska-boom-era band I have heard in years. Reel Big Fish has yet to disappoint me when it comes to musical craftsmanship. The tracks on this new album are mature, exciting and good. You know the kind of good that is just really good in a satisfying way? It is that good. While it does not necessarily blow my mind or soil my boxers, the tracks on this album are great. I recommend it to anyone who thinks that ska is dead or that Reel Big Fish is washed up. For more information go to www.reelbigfish.com or www.myspace.com/reelbigfish to hear a sample of the new album.

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Concert Preview: The hottest bands to hit the stage this summer

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH
Flashlight Writer

There are almost six weeks left of the spring semester at Mansfield. At the end comes the summer months away from college. There is so much to do in the time between semesters, such as going to the beach or the pool, hanging out with friends, going to the movies, sleeping in, even going to concerts. Yes, this summer and late spring seem like quite the time for the concert scene. Let's check out some of the hot bands that will be performing.

Howie Day

Breaking through on the folk-rock scene last year with his second album "Stop All the World," Howie Day appeals largely to college students. He inspires and plays a mean acoustic guitar. He will be playing two college concerts next month. On April 19, Day will be at Shippensburg University and on Apr. 21 he will play Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

Linkin Park

This nu-metal band is returning to the concert scene, Linkin Park has not toured since the release of *Meteora* which came out in 2003. They will be playing near

Mansfield on three different dates: on Apr. 9 in State College, Pa; on July 12 in Philadelphia and on July 22, in Rochester, N.Y.

Dave Matthews Band

America's favorite hippie/folk rock band is touring once again. Dave Matthews and his band have returned. Make sure you get in on this concert before it sells out. Get rockin during the three shows they will be playing during the early summer. On June 22 the band will play Montage Mountain in Scranton, Pa.; on Jun. 25 in Hershey Stadium, Hershey, Pa and on July 5 and 7, at the Tweeter Center in Camden, N.J.

Ben Folds

If you enjoy Howie Day, Dave Matthews and other folk rock bands, then you will enjoy Ben Folds. Folds broke from his band Ben Folds Five, several years ago. He has released several Eps, and has collaborated with Ben Lee and Ben Kweller. He has been touring almost yearly. Last year's tour with Guster and Rufus Wainwright went well. This year's anticipated concert should be even better. Date: May 1, Electric Factory, Philadelphia.

The Mars Volta

This ingenious band, which



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Ben Folds is one of the numerous acts to hit the Pennsylvania stage this summer.

broke from punk/hardcore legends, At the Drive-In, will be touring once again. With God-like solos and beautiful lyrics, they will be playing in Philadelphia. Watch out. Tickets go fast. Date: May 1, Philadelphia.

The Warped Tour

It has been more than a decade and The Warped Tour has been going strong in the punk community. Performers include: Atreyu, Billy Talent, Avenge, Sevenfold, Dillinger Escape Plan,

The Bled, Dropkick Murphys, Fall Out Boy, Hopesfall, Hidden in Plain View, MCR, Midtown, Senses Fail and Thrice.

Hey punks, do not forget to check out Hell Fest in upstate New York and Krazy Fest in Louisville, Ky. coming this summer. Dates include July 10 in Buffalo, N.Y.; Aug. 1 in Pittsburgh; Aug. 11, in Scranton, Pa.; Aug. 12 in Camden, N.J.; Aug. 13 in New York and Aug. 14 in Englishtown, N.J.

Other Concerts scheduled to hit the stage this summer

Artist: Weezer
Locations near Mansfield: Philadelphia
Tour info: weezer.com

Artist: The Roots
Locations near Mansfield: Syracuse, N.Y.
Tour info: okayplayer.com

Artist: Lloyd Banks
Locations near Mansfield: Oneonta, N.Y.
Tour info: lloydbanks.com

Artist: Further Seems Forever with Chris Carrabba
Locations near Mansfield: Brockport, N.Y.
Tour info: dashboardconfessional.com

Word on the street: What concerts are people heading to this summer?



Name: Erica Hudock
Concerts: Something Corporate, Green Day and The Warped Tour.
Locations: Something Corporate in Ithaca, N.Y., Green Day in Binghamton, N.Y. and The Warped Tour in Scranton, Pa.



Name: Steve Davis
Concert: Jason Mraz
Location: SUNY Geneseo
Why: "I've seen him a couple times. Not a lot of people listen to him, but I have his live album and it is awesome."



Name: Lacey Kitchen
Concert: Tim McGraw
Location: Albany, N.Y.
Why: "I want to see him because he is an awesome singer and of course, because he is cute. I also want to see because I have never seen him in concert."



Name: Kara Newcomer
Concert: Taking Back Sunday
Location: West Chester, Pa.
Why: "I've been a huge fan for a while. I have missed opportunities before, so I don't want to miss them this time."



Name: Rich Cummings
Concert: Vital Information
Location: Wilkes Barre, Pa.
Why: "Vital Information is a mix of jazz and rock called fusion. I have seen them five times. Any guitar player or drummer should see them."

Healing through music - Music Therapy

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

"Simply put, music can heal people," Senator Harry Reid once said. Whether the healing power of music comes through heavy metal, country or classical, listening to music is often the choice of relaxation for many. For several students on the Mansfield University campus and around the world, healing through music has become a way of life.

According to the American Music Therapy Association music therapy is "the prescribed use of music by a qualified person to effect positive changes in the psychological, physical, cognitive or social functioning of individuals with health or educational problems." Music therapists evaluate physical and emotional health as well as social, communication and cognitive skills; design individualized music sessions according to a person's needs and participate in song writing, music performance

and music education.

Music therapists work with people of all ages, specifically those with physical, mental and learning disabilities, Alzheimer's disease, drug and alcohol abuse problems, brain injuries and chronic pain. Music therapy has also been effective at alleviating pain for women in labor.

Kateri Schmitt is a music therapy student at Mansfield University. "Music can be used in many different ways," Schmitt said. "It can help a young child learn to speak or can help a physically handicapped person increase gross and fine motor skills. It can also help a 'normal' person to express their feelings. We listen to music every day and we pick what it is we listen to according to our mood. Everyone can benefit from music."

Music therapists find jobs in a wide variety of areas. According to Caroline Servinsky, a junior music therapy student, a music therapist can work privately or in a hospital,

group home, school, institution, psychiatric ward, nursing home and in many other places. "I want to work with troubled adolescents or severely mentally disabled children," Servinsky said. "Eventually, I have a goal to open up my own practice."

According to Megan Weber, a junior music therapy student, music therapy students at Mansfield University perform music therapy sessions at clinical placements in the community from their sophomore year on. "Music therapy is not a recreational activity," Weber said. "It is a therapeutic process. There are a wide variety of clients and the amount of people that are affected each year by what we are doing is unbelievable."

According to the AMTA, there is not one particular style of music that is more effective than the rest. Music therapists consider the patient's particular needs and goals of treatment and design a specialized music program to assess those needs.

The Creative Arts Therapy Sounding is the music therapy organization on campus and sponsors a variety of workshops throughout the school year. "CATS sponsors many beneficial activities, such as improvisation workshops, informational workshops and percussion workshops to give the music therapists a variety of ideas and different techniques to use with clients," Schmitt said.

A vast amount of research supports the effectiveness of music therapy. The AMTA promotes and performs research through the publication of the *Journal of Music Therapy*, *Music Therapy Perspectives* and other sources.



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Music therapists design specialized programs for people of all ages, specifically those with disabilities or substance abuse problems.

"I think that Mansfield University has perhaps been unaware of our major because we have strict confidentiality agreements," Weber said. "Often, music therapists cannot receive the credit of success because by releasing information about our successes, we jeopardize our clients' privacy. We work hard and we are a valuable asset to this campus community. As a small major, we often go unnoticed, but the work that we do in the community, as well as in our classes is immeasurable. This major has been the biggest challenge and the most satisfying work that I have ever done."

The music therapy program at Mansfield University was founded by Elizabeth Eidener in 1978. Dr. Elizabeth Grovenstein oversees the Music Therapy Department. In

addition to her work at Mansfield, she maintains a small, private clinical practice.

According to the AMTA, the future of music therapy is bright. With the onset of new diseases such as Alzheimer's, music therapy is becoming more and more in demand.

"My experiences as a music therapy student have been positive," Schmitt said. "I never knew how much work went into this profession until I started my clinicals. I have a new respect for professional music therapists. I've learned so much from being able to experience first hand being a music therapist, working with young children and seeing how much they can benefit from music. I've always believed that music can benefit anyone, but now I am able to see how and why it benefits people."

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Drums are often used in creating specialized programs for music therapy patients.



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The Creative Arts Therapy Sounding organization at Mansfield University promotes the effectiveness of music therapy and sponsors improvisation, informational and percussion workshops.

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By **MICHAEL PETERS**
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I read recently that tennis stars and sisters Venus and Serena Williams will soon be starring in an ABC Family reality television show scheduled to air on the network in July, according to the *Associated Press*. What in the world possesses athletes to think they can dominate their competition on the field as well as the entertainment industry?

Perhaps the seven-figure salaries are seeping into their brains, impeding their thought process and sound judgment. I do not see any other logical reason for the constant attempts at achieving rightful stardom in both industries, other than the paychecks that come along with intruding the households of the American people.

I do not see how the stars, No. 4 ranked Serena and No. 9 Venus, could possibly fail with this crossover into the entertainment world. After all, look at the success Shaquille O'Neal had with

Williams sisters teach American lesson: Celebrities have the right of way

his rap career. Shaq did release five albums, including a greatest hits, all of which I am sure are common items in most American dwellings.

I find it to be disheartening that simply because a celebrity is well known, they can immediately achieve success in other publicized outlets such as television, writing, movies and music whereas many people work for years to achieve a fraction of success in the aforementioned fields, oftentimes without the slightest taste of it.

If I were to comb the country in search of one unbiased, honest person who believed the 37-year-old country music superstar Garth Brooks deserved an invitation to the San Diego Padres spring training camp in 1999. I find it ridiculously tough to believe that Brooks almost made the team because of pure talent.

I wonder the same thing about Michael Jordan's involvement with the Double-A affiliate of the Chicago

White Sox, the Birmingham Barons. If a 6 feet 6 inch man named Dave Smith came to a professional baseball organization and asked to play in their outfield, they may hand him the keys to a riding lawnmower or maybe a rake, but certainly not an outfielder's glove and the rights to a starting spot in the outfield of their Double-A team. However, if your name is Michael Jordan and you are the owner of multiple National Basketball Association Most Valuable Player awards and championship rings, you can get whatever you would like.

That seems only fair. Why should established stars have to work as hard as anyone else did? They are better than the rest of us anyway, right? Of course not. However, this is the message that many media markets and businesses are conveying to the public.

The same message is made when a celebrity is dismissed in legal matters or given a slap on the wrist, whereas

"regular" people are often hit with the stiffest of penalties. How many "regular" people would be admitted back to work after being suspended for drug violations seven separate times? For someone with a desk job in an office, it would never happen. However, thanks to baseball's atrocious drug policies in the 1980s, a pay check was always awaiting New York Yankees reliever Steve Howe.

If that same Dave Smith was constantly accused of child molestation, how likely would it be that he would serve no time in a penitentiary? My guess is fairly unlikely. Remember Michael Jackson? Right, enough said.

The United States of America is indeed a great place to live, but like most everything else, it has a myriad of problems. Greed and ignorance are two of this nation's biggest. If everyone was to be treated the same, I believe the outpouring of greed and ignorance in this country would subside.

Is the advising system to blame for my slacking ways?

By **ZACH DuBORD**
Flashlight Writer

I have written a number of pieces on slacking and how much I enjoy slacking. I have even confessed to no longer being a slacker, but that did not last long. Finally, I posed a question this week that rattled me to the core. Why do I slack? The answer I came up with is this: I lack direction and am entirely fearful of the future. This is going to be much like a liberal arts student cliché, but bear with me.

I feel guilty when I slack. I feel like crap all day when I miss classes and I hate feeling unproductive. Yet at the same time I just cannot find the motivation to do anything. A girl I went to high school with has been featured in a variety of news outlets; she started her own porno magazine at Boston University. Now there is an accomplishment. Aside from writing for *The Flashlight*, being in Philosophy Club and my band, there is not a whole lot that I do.

So what is my deal? I realized

recently that the reason I lose motivation is I get distracted by an overwhelming fear of the future. Although, I should mention that it is not necessarily anxiety, but rather a complete feeling of being overwhelmed by choices. Truthfully, I never thought I would live long enough to have to pick a career. I always figured I would do something stupid or accidentally get hit by a truck or something.

Now I am paralyzed by whether or not I want to go to graduate school or try to find a job I do not hate. I seem to be attracted to grad school because school is, in fact, all I know. I do not know if my interest in Philosophy is enough to get me through the process; I think I am more interested in the lifestyle of the professor. Then again I have always been the indecisive type and I think this is what attracted me to Philosophy in the first place. So what's my point? My point is that I need help. Or rather, I could have used help at some point. I think the role of an

advisor needs to be re-evaluated.

The advisor at Mansfield University is an interesting creature. It generally is used to gain access numbers for WebAdvisor and to sign forms so students can continue marching towards a goal they picked on a hunch way back at age 18. While I realize that there are both career services offices and counseling offices on campus, both are independent of each other.

What I think needs to happen at Mansfield is for the advisors to play a more important role. Obviously, advisors are faculty and teaching, researching is their main role, and clearly students should not have their hands held either, but I think there needs to be some direction at these meetings. I think the number of students that are unsure of themselves is probably quite high, and right now, the advisor-advisee relationship is not meeting the needs of these students. By simply signing forms and retrieving pin numbers, nobody is benefiting.

Furthermore, I think revising

the advisor-advisee relationship would greatly improve retention. Perhaps this method would be more preferable than creating an associates program in liberal studies that feeds on lower-income and lower-ability students and does not affect retention statistics when these students fail out.

Instead of writing a university-wide advising handbook and redundantly forcing department chairpersons to rewrite advisement plans, I think the University should have advisors ask a few questions:

How do you like your major?

How do your studies coincide with personal and professional goals?

What are your personal and professional goals?

Do you have any personal doubts about your studies and do you want to look at something else?

These are just suggestions from one student. I encourage the administration and faculty members to ask their students what needs to be changed in the advising process. All it takes for progress is a little bravery and a lot of suggestions.

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2005 Major League Baseball: American League preview

By JOSH WARNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

The last image of baseball that we saw last season was the Boston Red Sox charging the pitchers mound after winning their first World Series in 86 years. Being the defending world champions for the first time since 1918, the Red Sox are in uncharted waters. Do they have the right stuff to become back-to-back champions or will they fall like the many other defending world champions? The last team to win consecutive championships was Boston's biggest rival, the New York Yankees, when they won three in a row from 1998-2000. However, that was then and this is now. Who has the right stuff to be the Major League Baseball 2005 World Champion?

Let's look at the American League first. In the AL East, of course there are the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. These two teams will start the regular season on April 3 at Yankee Stadium. The last time these two teams met, the Red Sox made history by becoming the first team in MLB history to come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series, which moved them on to the World Series and a victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. New York has gone out and made some

improvements in their pitching staff over the off season. The two big name players that they have brought in are Carl Pavano and Randy Johnson. After the Yankees signed Pavano, they worked feverishly to complete a trade and bring Johnson to the "Big Apple." The Yankees worked out a deal that brought the Johnson from the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Red Sox also made some additions, signing former Yankees' pitcher David Wells, Chicago Cubs pitcher Matt Clement and Cardinals shortstop Edgar Renteria. With those moves, these two teams plan to be battling each other throughout the season. Another significant addition in the East is Sammy Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles. Although the bats have improved for the Orioles, they have not added the pitching that is needed to contend in the East.

Next is the AL Central. The Minnesota Twins, a team that was on the brink of being contracted, has dominated the Central for the past few seasons. However, they might have some competition now from a team that no one expects it from: the Detroit Tigers. Before you start to laugh, just listen for one second and you can see my reasoning. The Tigers have

improved their offense, by signing former Chicago White Sox outfielder Magglio Ordonez. Along with a young pitching staff, they have the pieces to actually look like a decent baseball team and in the Central, that could be good enough to win the division. Look at the competition first. The Twins have good pitching led by AL Cy Young winner Johan Santana, but not a lot of offense. The Indians have a promising young team, but were very inconsistent last season. The White Sox and Royals made no improvements over the off season. This is a wide open division that the Tigers might surprise people by winning this season.

In the AL West, it should be no contest. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (what a mouthful) have great hitting and pitching to make them a dangerous team this season. The Seattle Mariners have a better hitting line up than last year, adding NL MVP runner up Adrian Beltre to their line up, but with no improvement in pitching, they will not be able to contend. The Oakland A's lost more than they gained and will have to live without the power pitching of Barry Zito, Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder. With Eric Chavez being the only true hitter returning to this team, they will have a hard season ahead

of them. The Texas Rangers made some strong strides last season by almost making the playoffs. However, they will need another good season from pitcher Kenny Rogers to contend in the West. If the bats of the Rangers stay as strong as they were last season and the pitching continues to improve, the Rangers could give the Angels a run for the West title.

Looking at the American League, you can try and say it might be competitive. In reality it will not be. It will come down to two teams once again: the Red Sox and the Yankees. Even with the improvements that the Yankees made during the off season, it will be tough for them to dethrone the defending world champion the Boston Red Sox.



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The Curse of the Bambino was finally lifted by Johnny Damon and Trot Nixon in an improbable run to the World Series championship last year. Despite losing starting pitcher Pedro Martinez and first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, the Red Sox are among the favorites to win the World Series.

Hot Topic

If Barry Bonds is in, then Pete Rose is in Banishment from baseball is justified

By JOSH WARNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

As baseball is in the midst of a steroid scandal, they need to prioritize what should be banishment for life in baseball. Let us look at steroids. They are a form of cheating, hurting the body and an illegal substance. Then there is gambling. Is it illegal? Yes, but how bad is it compared to steroids? Baseball needs to look at its rules and adjust them the right way. By doing this, allow Pete Rose into the Hall of Fame.

Rose did lie under oath and to the fans about gambling. He might not be the greatest person in the world, but how did he

play the game? He never cheated while on the field. As a clean player, Rose became the all-time hits leader in baseball. Yet, when Rose was caught gambling, he was thrown out of the game forever. Rose is not the greatest person in the world, but he is a person who left everything on the field and is one of the greatest players ever to play the game.

Then we have someone like Jason Giambi. Here is someone who cheated to get where they are by using steroids. We can look at all of his numbers and wonder if they are legit or not. But what

will happen to him? Will he be thrown out of the game or even suspended? How about a fine? Do you know what his punishment will be? Having people make fun of him as he goes from stadium to stadium. Nothing will happen to someone who is a cheater, yet someone who never cheated, as a baseball player is not allowed to be in a baseball stadium ever again. Is this true justice? Is this the message that we want to send to our youth? In baseball, if it makes the players and owners money, does it really matter to them?

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By NOAH

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Flashlight Sports Writer

When a player takes steroids, they generally do so to increase their performance on the field. Very rarely do the negative effects of steroids manifest themselves soon after the player begins taking them and very rarely, if at all, do steroids have a negative effect on a player's performance. However, in the long run taking steroids may shorten a player's career and also has the potential effect of lessening a player's statistics because of injuries. However, you can rarely see that the effects of players taking steroids directly affecting

their team and their performance.

A manager who has money riding on a game can disguise throwing a game in ways that may not be visible to the casual fan and can even be easily hid from knowledgeable baseball insiders. Gambling on the other hand can directly affect a team's performance. A player who drops an easy fly, strikes out purposely or exhibits unusually poor pitching control can directly affect their team's performance.

Baseball is a game of moments, all it takes is one moment for a team's momentum to slow down or shift to the other side. One base runner running through a stop

sign and getting needlessly thrown out, a fielder throwing to the wrong base or a player booting a ground ball can cost their team the game. Many little "mistakes" that can be chalked up to the player slumping or just having a bad night, are excuses that could be a cover for gambling.

Unlike steroids which can be taken once or over an extended period of time and then stopped. Gambling has been proven to be highly addictive. A player who has wagered so much where he or she is being forced to throw a game to pay off a debt is likely to end up in that position again.

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Sixteen is sweet, eight is elite and four is final

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Writer

This past weekend in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Tournament, there were 16 teams vying for a spot in the Final Four. Two of the top seeds, University of Illinois and University of North Carolina, advanced to the Final Four. Meanwhile the University of Louisville and Michigan State will be joining Illinois and UNC in St. Louis next weekend in the Final Four.

The Sweet 16 round began Thursday with Illinois squaring off against the Panthers of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Panthers kept the game close during the first half but during the second half Illinois' stiff defense was the deciding factor in an Illinois victory 77-63.

The Louisville Cardinals were on a mission of their own and in their way were the Huskies of the University of Washington. This game was a battle of a deserving No. 1 seed, Washington and a possible No. 1 seed, Louisville. The game was definitely worthy of the hype as both teams battled neck and neck for most of the game. Late in the second half, Louisville's defense and size was too much for the undersized Huskies and Louisville cruised to the Elite Eight, 93-78.

Texas Tech University and West Virginia University was another interesting match-up. Both teams were making appearances in the round because they were able to upset higher seeds in the tournament. The Red Raiders of Texas Tech gave West Virginia all they could handle but in the

end it was the guard play of West Virginia, led by Mike Gansey, that ended in a West Virginia University victory, 65-60.

The closest game of the Sweet 16 round was a contest between the University of Arizona and Oklahoma State University. This game went back and forth between the Wildcats and Cowboys. This game was decided by a Salim Stoudamire jump shot with 2.8 seconds left in the game to seal the victory for Arizona.

Kicking off the action on Friday night was the game between Michigan State University and Duke University. The Spartans of Michigan State University played tough defense and came up big on using offense in order to secure themselves a berth in the Elite Eight with a 78-68 victory.

The University of Wisconsin was looking to become the second Big Ten Conference team joining Michigan in the Elite Eight. All they would have to do is pull an upset over North Carolina State University. Apparently an upset was in the making because Wisconsin played tough and came up big. Trailing at the half Wisconsin came out and opened the second half on a 21-9 run and never looked back. They upset the North Carolina State and advanced with a win, 65-56.

The University of Kentucky and the University of Utah were no strangers to meeting in this tournament as Kentucky held a 5-0 advantage in the teams' last five meetings in the tournament. Kentucky made it six in a row with a 62-52 victory.

Now, the night cap that almost ruined the tournament for

me altogether. UNC survived a scare from Villanova University that was unexpected to say the least. UNC used tough defense down the stretch and survived a thriller to advance in the tournament winning, 67-66.

Saturday and Sunday brought the Elite Eight round and there were some classic games all across the board. The much anticipated battle between University of Illinois and University of Arizona did not disappoint as it took overtime to decide a winner. Illinois played hard and overcame a 14-point deficit with about four and a half minutes to play in regulation to send it to the overtime period where Illinois pulled out a 90-89 victory.

However, not to be outdone Louisville and West Virginia played a thrilling game as well but the Cinderella team of this tournament would finally lose its glass slipper. West Virginia led at the half by 14, but eventually the three-point shots that benefited them in the first half ran dry. Louisville tightened up their defense and let offensive leaders Francisco Garcia and Taquin Dean take care of business leading the Cardinals to victory, 93-85.

Sunday was more of the same great action as Saturday. The early game featured UNC battling Wisconsin for a trip to the Final Four. UNC showed again why they have been considered one of the best teams in the nation as they battled out another victory, 88-82. For UNC, Sean May did once again what he has done all season; he was strong on offense and got the rebounds on defense. May led

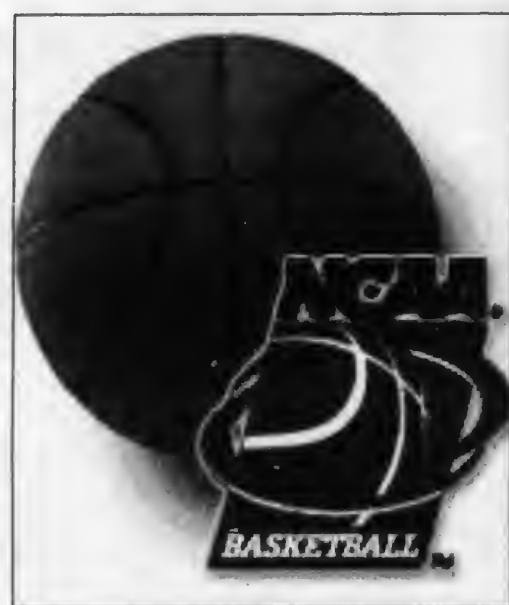
the UNC with 27 points and 11 rebounds which Wisconsin had no answer for.

Later Sunday afternoon Michigan State and Kentucky squared off for the final spot in the Final Four. This game was so close that they had to play two overtimes to decide a winner. Michigan State lead by three with little time remaining on the clock when Kentucky Guard, Patrick Sparks, hit a three-point shot to send the game to overtime tied at 75. As the overtimes played on, so did Michigan State's desire to win. They made good on critical free-throws down the stretch to advance to the Final Four with a win over Kentucky, 94-88.

Now the Final Four is set as Illinois, UNC, Michigan State and Louisville. They will all travel to St. Louis, for an opportunity to advance to the National Championship Game on Monday April 4. Both of the national semifinal games will be played this coming Saturday, April 2.

The match-ups go as follows; the overall No.1 seed of the tournament, Illinois, will square off with Louisville. Louisville Coach, Rick Pitino, is looking to become the first coach in NCAA history to take three different teams to a National Championship Game. Illinois is looking to remain No.1 overall and complete a dream season by going to the finals.

Michigan State will battle UNC for their opportunity to appear in a National Championship Game for the sec-



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ond time in five years. While this Michigan State team is not the same team of 2000, they still have the talent to pull out another National Championship. UNC will have something to say about the advancement plans of Michigan State, as the Tar Heels are looking to give Head Coach Roy Williams his first championship in 17 years of coaching collegiate basketball. Williams is making his fifth trip to the Final Four as a head coach. His four previous trips were while he was coaching at the University of Kansas. Winning a National Championship with his alma mater would be dream come true for Williams. In an interview with ESPN.com, Williams commented on his sentimental ties to Kansas State and UNC, "It's special, there is no question about it," Williams said. "I loved 15 years at Kansas. I loved those four times there. But I did go to school here, my wife went to school here, my son went to school here and my daughter went to school here. It is special."

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On the Sidelines with pitcher Kane Stein

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

For years, the Mansfield University Mountaineer baseball team has been known for their fine-tuned hitting. In recent years, several players have overshadowed the pitchers with single season home run totals including Jason Manwaring (23), Scot Wilcox (20) and John Michael Cook (20). However, this season, the ace of the Mountaineer pitching staff, Kane Stein will not let that happen.

Stein, the only returning starting pitcher from last year's Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East champion Mountaineer team, began this season in a dominant fashion. With a 3-0 record, he not only leads Mansfield in wins, but is also the only undefeated pitcher on staff. In 17 innings pitched, Stein has allowed only three earned runs, giving him a 1.59 ERA.

This season, although only 18 game in, has been a marked improvement for the right-handed pitcher. In his first season with the Mountaineers, Stein was 4-2 and had a 4.89 ERA.

The outgoing senior starter is looking for another shot at the PSAC crown this season and believes the Mountaineers have the right equipment for the task.

Michael Peters: What is your year and major?

Kane Stein: I'm a senior and my major is Fisheries Biology.

MP: What did you choose fisheries as your major?

KS: Believe it or not, I'm a huge fisherman. I figured what better way to combine a job with my favorite hobby.

MP: Where are you from?

KS: I graduated from Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, Pa., which is right outside of Pittsburgh.

MP: How old are you?

KS: I am 22-years-old.

MP: Why did you decide to come here to Mansfield University?

KS: I originally went to Wagner College in Staten Island, NY. I transferred here because the baseball is much better and because of the fisheries program's reputation.

MP: What is your favorite sport besides baseball?

KS: If you are one of those people that consider fishing a sport, then it is fishing. If not, then I would have to say basketball.

MP: When did you begin playing baseball?

KS: I started playing T-ball when I was 4-years-old.

MP: What position do you play?

KS: I'm a pitcher.

MP: How did you end up there?

KS: Up until my junior year of high school I was a shortstop, but then I grew a little and my coach figured I was a little too tall to play short. That's the only reason I ever became a pitcher.

MP: Did you ever participate in any other sports?

KS: Yes. I played soccer and ran track and field until high school. Once high school started I stuck with baseball and basketball.

MP: Have you won any awards?

KS: To be honest, not really.

MP: What is your favorite part of being on the team?

KS: Just being around the guys on the team. It takes a lot of stress out of the game and out of school.

MP: Would you rather strike out the side or make a great play in the field?

KS: That's a good question. As a pitcher I think I would rather strike out the side.

MP: What keeps you going strong?

KS: At this point, I'm done with baseball once this season is over. I think that knowing this is my last stand is what keeps me going.

MP: Is there anything you do before a game, like a routine or superstition?

KS: Not really. Although, I do have an energy drink and take a couple Ibuprofen before I throw.

MP: What is one thing you learned from playing baseball that you will carry on with you in your future?

KS: I think that learning to work with a team is what I will take from baseball. A lot of what goes on in life involves some kind of teamwork, whether it's on the job or with friends, and it is important to know how to work with a group of people.

MP: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

KS: I don't know where I'll be after I graduate this summer, let alone 10 years.

MP: Is there a motto or saying that you live or play by?

KS: Go hard or go home. It's a great saying and you can apply to just about anything.

MP: How is the team going to do this season?

KS: Well, we are off to a shaky start, but I think we will pick it up as conference play comes around. This team has a lot of potential; we just need to put everything together.

MP: What one piece of advice would you give to student athletes?

KS: Manage your time properly. It is hard work to play a sport and attend a college or university, because practice, games and traveling take up a lot of time.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Kane Stein was the No. 3 starter on last year's staff. He was 4-2 while pitching 53 innings with nine starts. Stein held opposing hitters to a .282 average

'ROSE'

If you look at baseball in present day, what do you have more often? Do we have more players who are gambling and fixing games so they can make more money, or people who use steroids to get better numbers win the games indirectly? We can only assume at this point and time who the steroid users are and who is gambling, but which should we care more about? I would rather see someone play baseball that might have a gambling problem, but is playing fair, over someone like Jason Giambi, who had to cheat to get where he is.

Barry Bonds, considered by some to be one of the greatest players ever to play the game, has been proven guilty of using a steroid sub-

stance, but he never knew it was a steroid. When those who vote for the Hall of Fame were polled about Barry Bonds and if he would ever get into the Hall of Fame, a majority of them said yes. How can they do this? One of the greatest records in sports history, the all-time home run record, is about to be broken by a man who has used steroids before and they think that it is fine and dandy? If this is alright, then Pete Rose, someone who has never cheated in baseball, should be in.

Baseball owners do not care if players are on steroids, as long as they bring in money. Bonds brings in a lot of money to the sport, so he will get off without even a slap on the wrist. Jason Giambi will have people

ridicule him for the rest of his career, but nothing else will come upon him. This just says on thing about our society, it pays to cheat.



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Barry Bonds hit 45 home runs and drove in 101 runs in just 373 at-bats last season.

'BANISHMENT'

Even if a player gets stuck in the position where he has to throw a game once in the middle of the season, that does not seem to have any effect on the standings. The gambler who forced the player to throw the game now knows that pressure can be applied on that certain player. If a situation comes up in a pennant race or in the playoffs, how can fans be certain that with the right amount of coercion and threats the player will not be convinced to throw a more important game.

Steroids are just the latest list of illegal substances that baseball players have been using to enhance their performance. From spittle and sandpaper to beer and cocaine, baseball has always turned

away from the truth. Why should steroids be any different? The argument is that they artificially inflate statistics, but everyone seems to forget that not only were steroids legal in baseball when players like Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire were allegedly taking them. While position players were bulking up there is evidence that pitchers were as well.

On the other hand baseball has always been harsh on players who gambled directly or were associated with gambling. The 1918 White Sox had several players banned from baseball, including should have been hall of famer "Shoeless" Joe Jackson for allegedly fixing and throwing the 1919 World Series. Pete Rose, the all time hit king, was similarly banned from baseball

when he was caught gambling on his own team while managing the Cincinnati Reds.

While both steroid use and gambling in baseball are deplorable and should result in massive punishments, I feel that banishment from the sport is a justified punishment for those who have been found to gamble games.



PHOTO FROM CABGORIZIA.ALTERVISTA.ORG
Joe Jackson batted .356 in his career.

Lady Mountaineers undergo brief hiatus

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University softball team has had an eight day hiatus as of Sunday, March 27. The Mountaineers still sit at 13-1 for the season.

The Mountaineers have raced out to the best start in school history on the strength of solid hitting and dominant pitching. The offense has been led by the .485 batting average of Kris Kelly. Kelly has also knocked in 14 runs. Heather Long has also been one of Mansfield's best hitters. Long, the only Mountaineer to play in all 14 games thus far, is hitting .474 with two home runs and 16 RBIs.

The Mansfield bats have been rock solid and the Mansfield arms have been golden. Junior Kristen Dean and senior Amy Martino

have been the stars on the staff. Dean is 6-1 with a 0.50 ERA and five complete games. Martino is 4-0 with a 0.84 ERA and a perfect game on Saturday, March 27 at Livingstone College.

Mansfield was scheduled to play their Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East opener at East Stroudsburg on Friday, March 25. A midweek storm that dropped rain and snow throughout Pennsylvania forced the postponement of that doubleheader. Mansfield's home opener, which was scheduled for the following day against Bloomsburg University, was also a victim of the poor field conditions created by the storm.

The postponements have created a week in which Mansfield is scheduled to play 10 games in six days. All of the games will be PSAC East contests. For Mansfield University Softball Head Coach Edith Gallagher, it will be a relief for her team to be able to go out and play. "We are just eager to play ball, period," Gallagher said. "The PSAC is exciting and we are looking forward to the competition." That competition will come fast and furious for the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers began a stretch on Tuesday against East Stroudsburg University, followed by a game Wednesday against 15-1 Shippensburg University. After a one day break, Mansfield hosts West Chester University for two games. The Mountaineers complete the difficult week with a trip to Kutztown University on April 2 for a pair of games.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Heather Long has played in all 14 Mountaineer games.

NASCAR rookie proves successful: Carl Edwards wins in the Busch Series and the Nextel Cup

By TRAVIS CORTER
Flashlight Writer

They say good things come to those who wait.

Do not tell that to NASCAR Busch Series Rookie Carl Edwards, who won both the Busch Series and Nextel Cup races in Atlanta two weekends ago.

Edwards won the Aaron's 312 on Saturday, March 19 after boldly passing Jimmie Johnson and Tony Stewart to bring the No. 60 Charter Ford to the checkered flag. Edwards' crew chief told him to be conservative. Finishing second or third would still give Edwards the Busch Series Championship lead.

Edwards decided that was not enough. He raced to win and win he did.

This was Edwards' first victory in the NASCAR Busch Series.

The next afternoon, Edwards raced the No. 99 Scotts car to victory lane. Johnson and Greg Biffle battled for the lead during most of the race. A last lap charge by Edwards changed all that. Johnson was leading. However, Edwards went high coming out of turns three and four. Johnson went high to block Edwards. However, it would not be enough. Edwards went higher still and beat Johnson by inches to win the Golden Corral 500.

Why is this significant? Edwards is the first driver ever to win his first Busch and Nextel Cup races during the same weekend.

This makes driver Mark Martin happy. Martin is retiring at the end of this season. Once Martin finishes his final race, Edwards will take Martin's place behind the wheel of the No. 6 Viagra Ford.

Since the death of Dale Earnhardt, Sr. at Daytona in 2001, NASCAR has been searching for a bright star. Some found Jeff Gordon to be a dominator of the sport. Johnson also has many victories.

Edwards is different. NASCAR announcers and fans are calling Edwards, "NASCAR's new star."

Charisma is never lacking in



PHOTO FROM SPORTS.ESPN.GO.COM

Carl Edwards became the first rookie driver to win the Busch and Nextel Cup races during the same weekend.

this young man. Every time he wins a race, he does a back flip for the fans.

Edwards drove his first races in 1993 at the age of 13. A year later, He won four races throughout Missouri and Illinois.

Edwards entered the Modified Division and the Dirt Late Model class divisions at Capital Speedway in 1999.

In 2000, Edwards entered NASCAR for the first time in the Weekly Racing Series. In the Pro-Modified division, Edwards won 13 races and the Capital Speedway Track Championship. He was also named Rookie of the Year.

Edwards printed business cards to advertise himself as an available racer. His mother, Nancy, came up with the idea of what to write on the cards. "Hello, I'm Carl Edwards and I want to drive your racecar," were the words printed on the cards.

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series owner Mike Mittler hired Edwards. During his first season in the Truck Series, Edwards got a top-ten finish at Kansas. Edwards won three races for Roush Racing in 2003. He also finished eighth out of over 36 drivers in the points standing that year and was named 'Rookie of the Year.'

During the last 13 races of last

season, Edwards started racing in the Nextel Cup Series. In his first Nextel Cup race, he finished a surprising tenth.

2005 marks Edwards' first full-year of NASCAR Busch Series and Nextel Cup racing. He signed on with NASCAR multi-car owner Jack Roush and Roush Racing. Edwards is a rookie in the Busch Series, but ran too many races in Nextel Cup last season to be called a rookie this year in the Nextel Cup Series.

Edwards finished fourth at The Nashville Speedway during the Busch Series Pepsi 300 last Sunday. He started the race in third. However, the No.1 car of Johnny Sauter got into the back of Edwards after a caution came out early in the race. Edwards battled back all day to finish in fourth.

Edwards currently leads the Busch Series point standings by 95 points over rookie Reed Sorenson. In the Nextel Cup Championship point standings, he has moved up to third. This puts him eighty-seven points behind leader Jimmie Johnson and only five points behind second place, a Roush Racing teammate, Biffle.

Edwards will be racing at Bristol Motor Speedway next weekend in both the Busch and Nextel Cup Series.



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005

Mansfield Mountaineers suffer a drop to 9-9 after being swept twice on a road trip

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University baseball team lost a pair of double headers to Sheperd University of West Virginia and Slippery Rock University last week as they ride a five-game losing streak and sit on a 9-9 record.

Sophomore pitcher, Matt Allegretto led the Mountaineers onto Fairfax Field to face the Rams of Sheperd University in Sheperdstown, W. Va.

Allegretto was welcomed with a leadoff single by left fielder Collin Brown followed directly by a two-run home run off the bat of third baseman Nicky Brown, his first of the season, putting the Rams on top, 2-0.

Mansfield fought back to tie the game at 2 with run-scoring doubles in the second and third inning off the bats of right fielder Dan Phillips and first baseman D.J.

Hoshauer, respectively.

However, the Rams took the lead, 3-2, in the bottom half of the third inning on the back of a solo home run from Ryan Harju (3), the Rams right fielder.

After a scoreless fourth inning, both side's offenses emerged in the fifth.

Mountaineer third baseman Ryan Giblin connected with his only hit of the day, a single, to begin the Mansfield rally. Catcher Scott Erickson's sacrifice bunt was botched in the field by Sheperd pitcher Steve Kozac, advancing Giblin to third base and Erickson to second. With two runners in scoring position, center fielder J.D. Druckenmiller doubled to plate two Mountaineers giving Mansfield a 4-3 advantage. Second baseman Eric Baker followed with a single moving Druckenmiller to third. With runners on the corners, Hoshauer flied out to center field, scoring Druckenmiller for the third Mountaineer run of the inning. Baker swiped second and third to set up a sacrifice fly by designated hitter and pitcher Colby Rickabaugh, giving the Mountaineers a 6-3 lead.

Sheperd answered the four-run inning by Mansfield with three-run barrage of their own. C. Brown led off the Rams fifth with a home run. After center fielder Joe Cook reached base on a Giblin fielding error and first baseman Dirk Webb singled, Mountaineer reliever

Rickabaugh took the mound in place of Allegretto.

Rickabaugh issued a walk to his first batter, shortstop Ryan Brady, to load the bases. Hoshauer committed an error off the bat of Pinch hitter Phillip Powell, resulting in three Ram runs, giving Sheperd the advantage, 7-6.

Baker would even the score in the top of the seventh inning on a sacrifice fly to force the game into extra frames.

After the Rams shut the door on the Mountaineers in the top of the eighth inning, Mansfield's Nate Jones came in to maintain the 7-7 score. Jones (2-2) was unsuccessful in doing so as Brady drove a Jones pitch into centerfield for a game winning sacrifice fly, scoring N. Brown to give the Rams the victory, 8-7.

The second game of the doubleheader was all Sheperd as they trounced Mansfield 11-2, dropping the Mountaineers record to 9-7.

The Mansfield offense was held to two hits in seven innings as Travis Mumaw (1-0) threw a gem. The left-hander scattered two runs in six innings of work.

The Mountaineer runs came off two extra base hits. Catcher Kevin Rollins doubled in third baseman Stuart Sumner in the third inning for Mansfield's first marks on the board.

In the following inning, Hoshauer connected on his seventh home run of the season, a solo shot, for the Mountaineers final hit and run.

Mansfield starting pitcher Justin Ferguson (0-1) allowed five runs, four of which were earned, in four innings of work to collect the loss.

The Mountaineers then traveled to Slippery Rock, Pa. to play No. 8 ranked The Rock in a pair on Saturday at Critchfield Park.

Slippery Rock captured the first contest, 5-2, on the back of a complete game from senior hurler Rocky D'Angelo (4-0). He allowed two runs on four hits and struck out seven Mansfield hitters in seven innings to drop the Mountaineers record to 9-8 and improve The Rock to 14-1.

Nick Grove (2-2) also notched a complete game for Mansfield in a losing effort. The sophomore tossed a five-run six inning performance but due to a rough third inning, he took home the defeat.

After striking out the leadoff batter, Grove hit left fielder Matt Messer and walked the next hitter Todd Schickling. Shortstop Phil Butch followed the free passes with an RBI single. Centerfielder Matt Kozusko followed with an RBI single of his own. Second baseman Chase Rowe added an RBI double to give The Rock all they would need to beat the Mountaineers.

They added two runs in the fifth inning on another RBI double off the bat of Rowe along with a run scoring single to centerfield from Slippery Rock's designated hitter, Billy Wolfe.

The Mountaineer runs came off RBI singles from Sumner and left fielder Brandon Shockloss.

The Rock took the second game by the same score to push their record to 15-1 while the Mountaineers dropped to 9-9.

Slippery Rock starting pitcher Colin Scott threw the second complete game of the day for The Rock. Scott (4-0) limited the Mountaineers to two runs on eight hits in the win while he let his offense provide him with the run support he needed.

Rowe, who was 5-6 on the day, was perfect from the plate in the second game with three singles and an RBI. Slippery Rock's first baseman Chris Tolliver had a dou-



SPORTS INFORMATION

Kane Stein (3-0) has a 1.59 ERA for the Mountaineers. He is the only returning pitcher from last year's starting rotation.

ble, a single and an RBI while right fielder Travis Trimbур plated two runners on a single to left field in the Slippery Rock fourth.

Mansfield starting pitcher Adam Lorson (2-2) last 4 2-3 innings, surrendering five Rock runs on 11 hits.

Despite RBIs by Shockloss and Baker, the Mountaineers lost, 5-2.

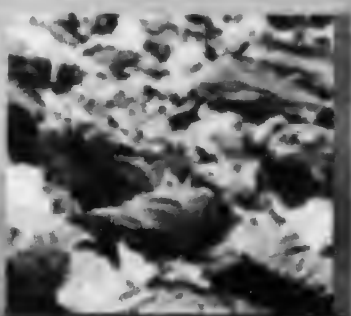
After losing each of their last five games, the Mountaineers will head into mainly PSAC play through the rest of the season. Mansfield ace, Kane Stein expects success for the slumping Mountaineers. "We are off to a shaky start, but I think we will pick it up as conference play comes around," Stein said. "This team has a lot of potential; we just need to put everything together." Stein is 3-0 in three games for Mansfield this season with a 1.59 ERA, trailing only Rickabaugh (1.04 ERA) in that category.

Mansfield will host the Bald Eagles of Lock Haven University at 1 p.m. today at Shaute Field.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Along with being the team leader for home runs (7), D.J. Hoshauer has hits and 23 RBIs. He is the captain of the Mountaineer baseball team.



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London Bridge is falling down and so is Hemlock

By Grumpy Hillbilly
and Erica Estrada

Flashlight News Goddesses

Hemlock Manor began its final decent into the ground at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30.

Hemlock, once a dormitory, housed offices from various academic departments from South Hall. The building was deemed unsuitable for student living quarters this past December. Following the students' move out of Hemlock, the Younevercity approved faculty to move in and use it as office space.

Dr. Adrien MacAhoy, a professor of philosophizing, first noticed Hemlock sinking early Monday morning. "At first I noticed it sinking by a few inches and before I knew it, my philosophizing books fell onto the fell onto the floor and I tumbled out of my cozy thinking chair," MacAhoy said.

Located on the West Wing,



PHOTO BY MUFFIN AND HIS PET DOG SPARKY

Hemlock Manor, now an office building, is gradually sinking into the ground which houses an ancient tomb.

Dr. Kay Sue Old, Communication Specialist, found the sinking of Hemlock to be quite an inconvenience since she just moved in.

"I just moved in," Old said. "I thought the Younevercity would be putting me somewhere safe so I could work on my next book. I

have no idea where we will end up moving now."

Police believe that Hemlock is sinking due to a mummy's tomb being the building. According to Chief Charlie Wigham, the tomb holds Egyptian treasures and stuff. Because the tomb is so ancient, the

earth is unstable and Hemlock is gradually crushing the tomb.

Dr. Drew Gasketblown, professor of ancient things and historian for Man's Field, verifies this claim in his newest novel, "Egyptian of Pennsylvania." Gasketblown shares his explorations

into the tomb and tells tales of the creepy crypt and other things that dwell down there (like slugs and things with more than two legs).

"Indigenous peoples of Pennsylvania are clearly descendants of the Too-wong-foo Egyptian family," Gasketblown said. "Unfortunately, all this old stuff, has been destroyed by man once again."

President Stalhead promises that he and a newly formed committee, Campus Rescue Alliance Patrol, will be taking all means necessary to resurrect Hemlock and possibly save some of the ancient artifacts.

"Man's Field is a family and we must work to protect our family from any further dangers," Stalhead said. "CRAP is important to the future of the Younevercity and the growth of its students. In addition, all the old stuff we find will be dedicated to the efforts of CRAP."

Staff member stars in FOX drama to air this summer

By Grumpy Hillbilly
Flashlight News Goddess

A Man's field Younevercity staff member will be starring in a new drama that will be set in the 70s. Crispy Lawrence, of Student Activities will be the newest member of "CrispNet," a FOX show set to air this summer.

Lawrence, playing the role of Crispy Jones, will be the star of the show that takes place in exotic Williamsport, Pa. Other members of the cast include Vanilla Ice, Corey Feldman and Pamela Anderson Lee Kid Rock Lee. Lee is playing Lawrence's love interest and blonde bombshell sidekick while Vanilla Ice is the dastardly villain, Ice Cold. "All dramas need a weaselly sidekick too," Lawrence said. "Feldman was perfect for the part and it's been such an honor working with him."

Lawrence tried out for the part at a cast-

ing call held at the annual Career Day on campus. "I decided it might be fun," Lawrence said. "They had the booth set up near my office, so I said to myself 'Self, you should do it because it's cool.'"

With shows like "CSI" and the ever popular, "Law & Order," a representative from FOX said they wanted to get into the crime drama market and what better than reviving the classic 70s cop dramas. The first episode will have guest appearances from 50 Cent, Milli Vanilli, Jennifer Lopez and Ross Perot.

"Lawrence is a great actor. He really brings something to the table with the show," Robert Murderdoch, owner of FOX said. "I wasn't sure how it would be bringing an unknown into the show, but his talent is unmistakable."

Lawrence has denied reports that he plans on quitting his job at Man's Field

Younevercity. "I am confident that I can still do my job and act at the same time," Lawrence said. "I definitely plan on acting more, who knows maybe I'll get a spot on TRL after this!"

President Stalhead has started a CrispNet fan club that will have its first meeting on May 7 to see Lawrence's debut on FOX. According to sources, Stalhead has been a fan of cop dramas since Magnum PI. "When I heard Lawrence would be starring in this show, I was ecstatic," Stalhead said. "Do you think he can get me J. Lo's autograph?"

According to FOX, Lawrence will be making 50,000 rubles per show. A reported 16 episodes were taped with the first scheduled to air at 8 p.m. on May 7. The CrispNet fan club will be meeting at The Shack with pizza and soda for everyone who attends.



PHOTO FROM FOX PR DEPARTMENT

Crispy Lawrence, of Student Activities, will be starring in a new FOX drama this summer called "CrispNet."



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and Wal-Mart
collaborating?

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Pete "Crotch
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New Man's Field slogan: Small Younevercity, Gynormous Wal-Mart?

By Kelly Whitsfan
Featuras Editoras

Younevercity officials announced
Tuesday that Man's Field is preparing
to promote a new school slogan for
the 2005-2006 school year. Officials
stated in an open meeting with the
Younevercity public that the current
slogan, "Small Younevercity, Big
Opportunity," did not fully represent
the true benefits of attending Man's
Field Younevercity.

The new slogan, "Small
Younevercity, Gynormous Wal-
Mart," will appear on all billboards
and Younevercity merchandise
beginning in June. The change will
occur before the freshmen orienta-
tion process begins.

The slogan was chosen after
the Younevercity received hun-
dreds of submissions suggesting
ideas for the change. The student
responsible for the winning sub-
mission, Freshman Brett Ekler,
received a \$1,000 scholarship and
is invited to attend the presti-
gious slogan-changing ceremony
that will be held on Apr 1 in
Straughn Auditorium.

"I just thought that this slo-
gan made more sense," Ekler said.
"Besides the whole 'class thing',
my weeks in Man's Field generally
revolve around visits to Wal-Mart.
I think that this is the way for
most students of Man's Field
Younevercity. Why else do you

think those students race their
pick-ups down Clinton Street? It's
not like they are some kind of
idiots. They need to get to Wal-
Mart before it closes. Oh, wait.
Ok, yeah, they are just idiots."

The Wal-Mart Corporation is
pleased with the change. President
Wally Walton feels that the new
slogan is a step in the right direc-
tion for both the corporation and
the Younevercity. "We already do
good business in our Man's Field
Wal-Mart store," Walton said. "I
mean, we are the only game in
town how could we lose? However,
I do believe that this new slogan
will lead to an influx in the num-
ber of new students attending
Man's Field Younevercity. The
added business will truly be an
asset to the company."

The Wal-Mart Corporation
has also rewarded Ekler. On May
12 Ekler will fly to the Wal-Mart
headquarters to be honored in a
lavish celebration held in his honor.
Ekler will receive a \$5,000 scholar-
ship and a year supply of Sam's
Choice products. "The generosity
of the Wal-Mart Corporation is
truly endless," Ekler said.

Despite his success, Ekler is
not is not receiving praise from one
student. Junior Evan Malroy
claims that Ekler stole the slogan
idea from him.

See 'WAL-MART' back cover

POLICE BEET

March 26, 2005 - Indecent
Exposure - Forehead Walker, 22,
of Maple Manor was caught streak-
ing through South Hall Mall with
only a sign on his back reading,
"Lawrence for President." Walker
was referred to Residence Life and
a hearing will be held...someday.

March 28, 2005 - Possession of
Illegal Substances (LOTS of
them) - Peter Michaels, 22, of
Cedarcrest Manor was caught
allegedly dealing marijuana,
vicodin, methamphetamines,
Vivarin, Robitussin, heroin, aderol,
oxycontin, proscar, shrooms, LSD,
acid, PCP, peyote, salvia divino-
rum, cocaine, crack, Tylenol,

Nyquil, morphine, ecstasy, rohip-
nol, anabolic steroids and Viagra.

March 29, 2005 - Breaking and
Entering - Sarah Sunshine, 21, of
Cedarcrest was caught inside the
Snack Shack shoving hot dogs and
bags of unpopped popcorn into
her sweat pants. When caught she
said, "They fell in there....ten sec-
ond rule!" Sunshine has been
referred to Residence Life.

March 30, 2005 - Stalking - Erica
Estrada, 20, of Cedarcrest was
referred to residence life after an
RA did a health and safety check
and found a shrine with LOTS of
candles lit dedicated to Something

Corporate's lead singer, Andrew
McMahon. Estrada allegedly has
been stalking McMahon since the
hit single "Punk Rock Princess" hit
the airwaves. Estrada when hand-
cuffed, screamed out, "Andrew
you can be my garage band king!"

March 30, 2005 - Underage
Consumption - Flash the Bear,
The Trashlight's mascot was arrest-
ed after allegedly consuming an
entire bottle of Bacardi 152 and
walking through South Hall Mall
shouting "It's over, my life is over!
The Mountie mascot broke up
with me!" Sources cannot confirm
whether the Mountie mascot was
indeed a stuffed animal.



MUG SHOT IS A SELF PORTRAIT
Michaels, the Editor in Chief,
was carrying OODLES of
drugs...allegedly of course.

NASCAN comes to Man's Field: Bring your friends

By Daniel Mason's beard
Faculty Adviser

Dr. Sharon Carrish, Man's Field Younevercity's newest athlete, has joined the NASCAN Circuit.

"NASCAN relaxes me," Carrish said, when she finished her daily trip around campus. Carrish runs her can around campus daily, stopping now and again to pick up trash, rake the occasional lawn and prune the odd tree. "NASCAN is like the biathlon," Carrish said. "Instead of skiing with a rifle, we run with cans and demonstrate our landscaping talents."

Carrish has been trying for several years to get NASCAN in Tioga County. When NASCAN favorite Maria Anne Dretti moved to Canoe Camp, Carrish saw her chance. She trotted up and down Business Route 15 for 11 days until Dretti noticed her on the highway.

"Dretti admired my can," Carrish said. "It's a full eight bushels and I try to keep it sparkling."

Dretti lined up investors and challenged fellow NASCAN favorite Gina Baffle to a three person race. Baffle will cut the ribbon for the three mile NASCAN track looping through Man's Field. "Man's Field is a lovely community, but we can make it better," Dretti said. She and crew chief Carpenter Davis have laid out a demanding track starting at the intersection of Academy St. and Elmira St.

"I was hoping they would include part of the campus, as that is my home field," Carrish said. "Pumping up Academy St. to the University is a great way to start the race."

Dretti and Baffle argued about a couple of the houses



PHOTO BY A CRAZY RACE FAN

NASCAN is a new environmentally friendly sport that challenges racers to compete for the Aluminum Star.

along the course, but they agreed that the Younevercity is such a lovely setting that they had to include it. Three of the more challenging events will take place on campus.

The first will be the North Hall Lawn Trim. "That was my idea," Carrish said. "I have raked every blade of grass in that lawn. I know it like the back of my head."

The second notable event will be the Butler Window Wash. "We wanted to challenge the flatlanders who might try to compete," Dretti said. It should be noted that Dretti is a mad person with a squeegee in her hand. Locals who have seen her window technique will be thrilled to know that they

will be able to see it here on campus.

The third notable event will be the Water Tower Tree Prune. Since Baffle is looking to make the Tioga NASCAN track her home away from home, she made sure to add an event to play to her strength. "I saw a guy playing trombone on campus, so I know I'll be able to get my pruning hook sharpened," Baffle said.

It has taken Carrish years to get NASCAN to Tioga County. Now that it's here, she will be chasing her can around campus with a vengeance, getting ready for her first race. "I will be retiring in a couple of years," Carrish said. "Then I can NASCAN full-time."

Tioga County's first NASCAN competition will be held May 7, 2005, immediately after commencement. "Maybe I'll wear my gown for the first race," Carrish said. "That hat might give me an edge on style points."

Tickets go on sale May 1, 2005. As always, spectators can watch parts of the race from the side of the road, but for such special events as the Maple Lanes Parking Lot Doughnut, the St. James St. Traffic Flagging and the Smythe Park Nut Gathering, spectators will need tickets. Season tickets for Tioga County residents are \$112.50 for all four races. Individual tickets are \$25 pre-sale and \$30 on the day of the event.

Expect to see more and more cans zipping past your house. If you are willing to allow the drivers to practice on your lawn, leave your yard implements leaning against a tree or shrub near your house. Contestants will be around to spiff up your yard and warm up for the race.

Manser accused of displaying tainted meat

By BRITNEY BALLANCINGACT

Featurus Editoras

A recent health inspection revealed that Manser employees were repackaging tainted deli meat with a new expiration date and serving the meat to students.

The inspection was conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health on Mar. 10, 2005. The inspection was going well until an inspector caught a Manser employee scraping the mold off of a honey ham and repackaging the meat with a new expiration date.

Alex Piration, the Manser employee that was caught scraping the mold, revealed to reporters that the Manser staff had forced him to repackage the meat.

In a recent television interview, Piration said, "I was simply doing my job and didn't want to risk losing it. I didn't think there was any harm in it. No one had told me that day that the inspectors were coming in. If they had, I would have thrown the meat away."

According to Piration, the dining services staff ordered him to begin scraping and repackaging the meat at the beginning of the Fall 2004 semester. "I was told that the dining services budget needed to be cut again and that repackaging the meat was the only feasible way to cut funding," Piration said.

Several students have caught food poisoning from the mold fiasco that started late last August. "I caught food poisoning from eating a hot dog in upper Manser," Cindy Onis said. "When I cut it open, I thought it was cheese-filled. When I bit into it, I got a

bitter taste in my mouth. It wasn't cheese-filled. It was pus-filled. It was disgusting."

A similar instance of this occurred in 1992, when the Food Lion supermarket chain was accused of repackaging spoiled meat and re-displaying it on the shelves. ABC News producers faked resumes to attain jobs at the Food Lion and used hidden cameras to reveal employees working with the tainted meat.

Manser is currently under heavy supervision from the state Department of Health. The university owes a fine, but no lawsuits have come about thus far. "I don't have health insurance. I intend to sue the university for my hospital bills," Onis said. "I'll never eat another hot dog again."

To show their disapproval, students have been hanging unusually harsh napkin comments in the Upper Manser Dining Hall.

"I decided to tell them like it is," Sandra Smytheman, a sophomore, said. "I pay for decent food and all I get is a rotten deal."

In addition to the napkins, some an unknown student actually posted an undercooked and rotten piece of Caribbean chicken on the community bulletin board.

"That was hilarious," Smytheman said. "I wish I had come up with that idea first."

Manser officials were not amused and plan on taking a strong course of action to regain their reputation. According to a recent press release from the Department of Health, Manser will be serving healthy, fresh foods from now on with no exceptions.



SOME WAL-MART BASHING SITE

Wal-Mart has not only been expanding to all areas of the nation, but is slowing planning to take over the world as well.

'WAL-MART'

"I came up with that slogan as a joke a long time ago," Malroy said. "But I would never turn that in! It was a joke! Are these people serious?"

Joke or no joke, Malroy believes that the glory and honor Ekler has been bestowed belongs to him. Malroy plans to take his case before a judge to settle the matter.

"Justice will be served," Malroy said. "Ekler's been taking credit for my bad jokes for too long!"

Ekler believes that Malroy has no case against him. "I submitted the entry, so I won fair and square," Ekler said.

Malroy is in the process of filing a grievance against Ekler. A court date is expected to be set for sometime in late August.



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Writers grab revenge and reform the national pastime Selig dies in bathroom accident

By PETER MICHAELS
Trashlight Editor-in-Chief

Sports writers across America rallied together as they participated in a coup d'état in the world of Major League Baseball resulting in the death of the games commissioner and two journalists.

Upset by recent trends in steroid use among baseball's elite players, among other issues, an entourage of journalists arrived outside of the MLB headquarters in New York City, pounding at the locked doors, demanding for the head of Commissioner Allan H. "Bud" Selig.

Panic-stricken by the onslaught of negative jeers, Selig exited out of the window of the seventh floor bathroom in search of a fire escape, leaving behind only a pair of soiled white jockeys. Unfortunately, for Selig, there was no escape in sight, at least literally.

Selig plunged seven flights to his death at approximately 8:16 a.m. Tuesday, taking with him the lives of two journalists, Jeff Martinak of *The Washington Post* and Jonathon Schwab of *The Flashlight*, in Mansfield Pa., as he rained atop them.



PHOTO FROM WWW.BLOGSPOT.COM
Allan H. "Bud" Selig (1934-2005) was the ninth commissioner in Major League Baseball History. Before he stepped into the front office, Selig was the owner of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Spokesperson for the Baseball Writers Association of America Michael Shelp spoke of the headquarter happenings on Tuesday. "We [the sports writers] did not expect this to happen," Shelp said. "We [the sports writers] have been planning this takeover for months, ever since he [Selig] was given a contract extension last year."

In regards to the deceased journalists, Shelp issued statements of sorrow. "Speaking on behalf of the BBWAA, I am truly sorry to hear about the fallen journalists," Shelp said. "Jeff [Martinak] was, not only a great columnist and a role model for his colleagues, but he was a great individual and will be sincerely missed. Jonathan [Schwab] has a great family."

As for the status of the MLB government, Peter Gammons has claimed the thrown as baseball's new commissioner. Gammons, an established writer for *The Boston Globe*, *Sports Illustrated* and ESPN, has covered baseball for the last 36 years. "Look, if Bud Selig could act as the commissioner and I do mean act, than anyone can do it," Gammons said. "And who better than me

and the writers. We live, breath, eat and sleep baseball, just like the fans of the sport. Bud, well, he just slept, period."

Gammons' first act of business was to remove the remaining officers and replace them with his new cabinet. President and Chief Operating Officer Bob Dupuy, handed his keys to Bob Costas, author of "Fair Ball: A Fan's Case for Baseball" and Emmy Award winning NBC broadcast-

er. Gammons instated *Dallas Morning News* baseball columnist Jason Smith to replace Sandy Alderson as the Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations. Tim Brosnon was removed from his post of Executive Vice President of Business in lieu of Chris Singleton, baseball writer from the *Baltimore Sun*.

Costas spoke highly of the recent changes in the MLB front office. "If you ask me, baseball has never seen a greater day," Costas said. "Selig and his goons were cancerous to the sport as well as the business. What is assembled now is a team of people who legitimately care for the state of the game and for the fans."

Immediately following the personnel change, the new governing body acted on two issues that have stirred discussion in the baseball world throughout the last few years: steroid use and Pete Rose.

"We will not tolerate any sort of steroid use in baseball," Gammons said. "Anyone caught injecting, smearing or swallowing any type of human growth hormone will be shot on sight. Well, perhaps 'shot on sight' is a harsh phrase, but I will guarantee they won't play another inning in this league."

With word of the new regimes promises, San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds immediately announced his retirement. "I am done with baseball," Bonds told *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist, Joshua Frayer. "I did not use steroids. I am retiring because of you [the media]. You have sucked all the fun out of the game because you take some sort of sick pride in ruining the lives of the innocent. Every problem of my life is your [the media's] fault."

"Barry Bonds is a bum," Smith said. "He's just bitter

because he can't win a World Series ring with or without the drugs. With the juice he's been taking, I bet I could hit a few dingers and I haven't played since t-ball."

The final problem resolved on Tuesday was the ongoing debate regarding Pete Rose and his seat in the Hall of Fame. Gammons and his committee voted to reinstate Rose into the game of baseball and then proceeded to vote him into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, class of 2006.

Rose, the all-time leader in base hits (4,256), is one of two men in the history of the game with over 4,000 hits. Ty Cobb was the first to achieve the feat in 1927 with the Philadelphia Athletics and ended his career with 4,191 hits.

Singleton, a writer in favor of Rose's induction, believed Rose paid his dues to the game he admitted to gambling on baseball in his book, "My Prison Without Bars." "This man should be living in the Hall of Fame, that is how good he was," Singleton said. "Gambler or not, the man should have been inducted when he was eligible in 1991. I have been writing him in on the ballot since 1984."

"Selig would have hated to see this happen," Costas said. "I almost wish that jerk would have been alive to see the result of the vote. He probably would have taken the plunge again."

Selig's demise may be a message sent to the commissioners of



PHOTO FROM WWW.STRANGESPORTS.COM
Pete Rose, baseball's all-time hit leader has been reinstated by Commissioner Peter Gammons and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2006.

other professional sports in America. Commissioner Gary Bettman wiped out the 2004-05 campaign on Feb. 16, making the NHL the first major North American sports league to have an entire season cancelled due to a labor dispute. Bettman has been advised by authorities to be cautious in the next couple of weeks.

"Bettman better watch out," Singleton said. "He took hockey away from a continent. The fans will never forget that. If I saw him walking on my sidewalk, I would cross to the other side. When I shoot him, I want it to be a challenge."

As for the future state of the MLB, Gammons is confident that the outlook is bright for not only the executives, owners and the players, but for the fans as well. "Every single aspect of professional baseball will prosper in large part to the action taken by the American sports writers," Gammons said. "With the media controlling the aspects of the greatest game, nothing could do wrong. We are the fans."

The Flashlight

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Halstead "explores" SUNY Brockport position

By MICHAEL PETERS
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Flashlight News Co-Editor

Mansfield University President John Halstead has officially announced his application for the presidency at the State University of New York at Brockport. A notice was sent to all faculty and staff early Monday.

"I am honored to be sought out by a national search firm as one of a small number of candidates now being considered for Brockport's presidency," Halstead stated in the memo. "I am still however President of Mansfield where we [my family] are very happy and I continue to provide presidential leadership in this, my seventh year."

The notification was withheld until Monday due to the wishes of the firm search committee, by which he was selected, to keep names confidential, according to Halstead.

There are currently five candidates for the position including Bradley Smith, Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, William Lash, Assistant Secretary of Commerce at the U.S. Commerce Department, Roger Glenn Brown, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Thomas W. Krise, professor and Director of the Air Force Humanities Institute.

Halstead accepted this invitation as something to "explore."

"Brockport is a well respected academic institution, a rising star in the 64-campus SUNY system," Halstead wrote. "I grew up literally in the shadow of SUNY and upstate New York and we [my family] love the Finger Lakes region.



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
President John Halstead has been selected as a candidate for president of SUNY Brockport.

Thus, I owe it to my family and myself to explore this opportunity at this stage in my career."

From this selection, the SUNY Chancellor's office and Board of Trustees will collaborate with Brockport on narrowing the final candidates to three. From there, the interviewing process continues.

Interviews for candidates include meetings with the prospective school's university senate, foundation members and student body.

Halstead visited and interviewed at SUNY Brockport from March 30 to April 1. According to Halstead, a decision date has not been set, but expects a president to be in place by the fall semester.

Upon his return to Mansfield, Halstead met with the Mansfield Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and Alumni Board to inform them of his opportunity.

SUNY Brockport is located is 16 miles west of Rochester, N.Y.

and offers 40 undergraduate programs and 28 graduate programs. The student population is approximately 8,750 with 586 faculty members on staff.

In reference to Brockport, Halstead said "bigger does not mean better. I wanted to look somewhere where they have shared values [with Mansfield]...but have qualitative differences."

Should Halstead accept the position, if offered, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Chancellor, Dr. Judy Hampe and the Board of Governors would begin a search for a new president.

However, should he decline or not be chosen, Halstead will remain the sitting President of Mansfield University.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Michael Reid, feels Halstead is a dedicated, influential icon. "I have heard tremendous things about him expanding programs; he has done an tremendous amount of good throughout the institution," Reid said.

University Historian Les Achey, admires Halstead for his work as liaison to the state system and advocate for smaller schools.

In one instance, "[Halstead] tried to get [PASSHE] to see they were taking from the poor [schools] and giving to the rich," Achey said. "The tone that is set with the president is how they interact with administration, faculty and students."

No matter the outcome, Halstead feels that his "heart is still at Mansfield. I am still the president and I care deeply about Mansfield University," Halstead said. "Whether it is for months or decades, I will give my all."

Mansfield's leaders of the past

By HILLARY GRUMBINE
Flashlight News Co-Editor



Rod Kelchner (1983-1998)- Kelchner graduated with a B.S. from Bloomsburg State College in 1956 and went on to Bucknell University where he graduated with an M.S. in 1963. He was hired at Mansfield University in 1964 and became head coach of the football team in 1966. He worked his way up to interim president in 1983 and was named the official president of the University in 1984.



Dr. Janet Travis (1979-1983)- After reviewing over 120 applications, the search committee recommended Dr. Janet Travis, a former provost at the University of Northern Kentucky. She became the first female president of a Pa. state college. The University went through many changes her four years as president and in 1983 the Board of Trustees, the union and students openly sought her resignation.



Dr. Donald Darnton (1977-1979)- Darnton was the former Vice-President of Academic Affairs and served as Acting President from 1977-1979 while the presidential search committee tried to find a replacement for Park. He is known for changing the conception of the "Mountie" from what he felt was a hill-billy to something that was more representative to the region.



Dr. Lawrence Park (1969-77)- Park was born in Newburgh, N.Y. and earned his bachelor's degree at the State University of New York at New Paltz. He earned his master's and doctorate in human relations and administration at New York University. He retired in 1979 and returned to Geneseo, N.Y. where he bred and trained thoroughbred race horses.

Information taken from Life At Mansfield: A Visual Reminiscence by Gayle Largey



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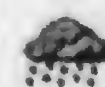


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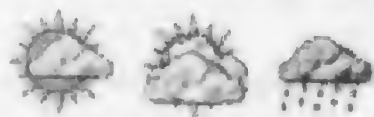


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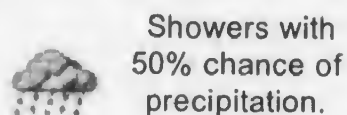
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Weekly Weather



TODAY



Showers with
50% chance of
precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 40°

FRIDAY



Few showers with
a 30% chance of
precipitation.

High: 50° Low: 32°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with
a 20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 50° Low: 33°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with
a 0% chance of
precipitation

High: 53° Low: 34°

MONDAY



Mostly sunny with
a 10% chance of
precipitation.

High: 56° Low: 35°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with a
20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 52° Low: 38°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with a
10% chance of
precipitation.

High: 54° Low: 36°

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Congratulations to the Writers of the Week!

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Shawna Tighe

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Michael Peters

"Mansfield Mountaineers suffer a drop to 9-9 after being swept twice on a road trip" and "On the Sidelines with pitcher Kane Stein"

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Have empty cartridges?** Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used ink cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 570-662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorms.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group through the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at x5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ **"Seeds of Hope Partners"** is a small, all-volunteer group currently made up of 80 people which was formed in hopes of giving those in need the basic essentials of survival. They meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Department of Human Services in Wellsboro in hopes of aiding in the fight that is affecting Tioga County. For more information visit www.seedsofhopepartners.org or contact Carl Matteson at 570-835-5169.

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Students say stress is an excuse for lost sleep

By JASON PRZYBYCIEN

Flashlight Writer

Do you think stress keeps you from getting a good night's sleep? Three Mansfield psychology students studied the relationship between stress and sleep last year.

The study showed stress making little difference in the results, though the conventional wisdom is that stress costs people sleep.

"People who report high levels of stress would be expected to show it in disrupted sleep," Dr. Francis Craig, an associate psychology professor, said. "[The results were] not a big enough difference to be meaningful."

The research was done for Craig's Experimental Design class in the 2004 Spring Semester. Though the study only sampled 14 people, the results raised questions that could lead to a new direction in sleep studies, according to Craig.

The research was received with interest at this year's Eastern Psychological Association conference on March 10-12 in Boston. Marissa Kosydar, Amanda Hoover and Katrina Clemens won a \$300 regional prize from Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society, for their project. Only 16 of the 70 presenters earned this honor.

The study surveyed 27 people to find seven highly stressed people and seven with low levels of stress for further study. The participants, including some Mansfield University students, were observed with an Actigraph Mini-Motion Logger during one night's sleep. It counted the number of times the

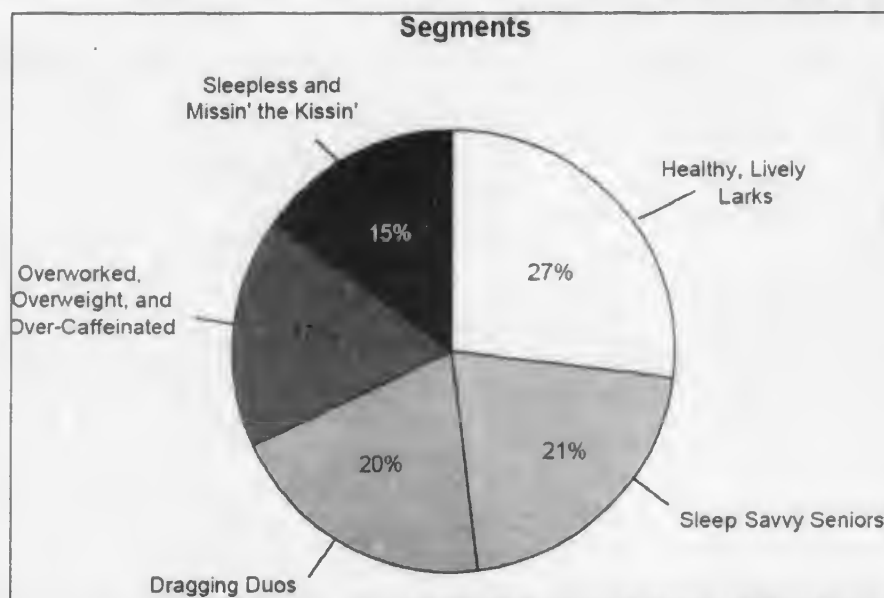


IMAGE FROM WWW.SLEEPFOUNDATION.ORG

The National Sleep Foundation found four categories of sleep habits in the U.S. according to the *Sleep in America* poll of 2005. Below are brief descriptions of these categories as charted in the graph.

participant woke up, the amount of movement while sleeping and the percentage of time spent sleeping.

"It was an amazing experience; building my résumé and talking with psychology professionals and students from other Psi Chi chapters," Kosydar said.

Craig grew to expect the award as the conference proceeded. "We were very well-received," Craig said. "We had a lot of professional traffic and questions from officials."

Mansfield University has presented at the EPA conference at least three times in the past five years. This year four presentations were made by Mansfield students. Craig also gave a presentation with Mansfield colleague Dr. Brian Loher. Craig says interest is increasing and he expects more presentations in the future.

- ♦ **Healthy Lively Larks (27 percent)** - Youngest of groups; tend to be married, employed at a full-time day job and in good health.
- ♦ **Sleep Savvy Seniors (21 percent)** - Oldest; tend to be female, retired, non-smokers and non-drinkers.
- ♦ **Dragging Duos (20 percent)** - Tend to live with a partner, work overtime in technology or management jobs.
- ♦ **Overworked Overweight and Overcaffeinated (17 percent)** - Work more and consume more alcohol and caffeine; are mostly single men and tend to have higher divorce rates and health problems.
- ♦ **Sleepless and Missin' the Kissin' (15 percent)** - Mostly females who have a partner but sleep alone; tend to have higher unemployment rate and diagnosis rate for depression and anxiety disorders.

Campus "blocks on" with ARHC

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University's All Residence Hall Council held its annual Block Party from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 2. The Block Party was organized by thirteen members of the ARHC. GERALYN MITCHELL, President of the ARHC, said that the Council has been meeting every Tuesday since the beginning of the spring semester to plan the event.

"For the past few years the Block Party has always been inside," Mitchell said. "This year we were hoping to try something different and have it outside. Unfortunately because of the rain, it had to be moved indoors. However I still feel it was a success."

Mitchell estimated that approximately 300 to 400 people came out for the event.

There were a variety of stations set up for students to participate in different activities. There were interactive snowboarding and golfing games and an arcade game set up on a big screen television. There was a booth where students could get personalized dog-tags and a karaoke booth where students could record their own CD. There was also a station where students could have their picture taken, but have their face put on another body, such as a pro wrestler or super model.

There was also food and a live band at the event. Upper Manser closed and provided food for students from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The band, Blue Shadow, played

throughout the afternoon, rotating its members as lead singers because their true lead singer could not make the event. Blue Shadow has played at past Block Parties and Spring Flings. Most of the members are students at Mansfield University.

"Overall I thought there was a good turnout," Christopher Phifer, a resident assistant, said. "The entertainment package we got was not what we expected, but it was nice to see something new from previous years."

The ARHC also provided door prizes for the students. When students entered the Block Party, they were given three raffle tickets. They could enter to win a number of prize baskets based on many themes such as a "Napoleon Dynamite," "Fun in the Sun," "Men's Kit," a food basket and a "Women's Kit."

This year a charitable donation gave the Block Party a different purpose. Since the theme was "All-American," the ARHC decided that all the money made would be given to families of soldiers who are fighting overseas in the war.

"We just thought it would be a nice thing to do," Mitchell said. "People always remember the troops, but do not always think about the families."

The ARHC also collected donations of canned goods. All the proceeds and canned goods were given to the VFW in Liberty, which will then be distributed among families in Liberty and Mansfield.

"Seeds of Hope Partners" charity organization presents seminar tonight

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Editor

"Seeds of Hope Partners" is a volunteer organization created to assist families in crisis, provide the basic needs to maintain intact families and aid in reunifying families. "Seeds of Hope Partners" heard the concerns of families living in poverty stricken homes in the area and decided to do something about it.

Mansfield University students, staff and faculty also recognized the need for help and are finding ways to spread the word about "Seeds of Hope Partners." Recent renovations to the University have allowed students, staff, faculty and those involved with the organization to make a contribution to the program. Last month, beds from Hemlock dormitory were donated to "Seeds of Hope Partners." Here, volunteers assisted in moving beds from the dorms to prepare to give them to the families. The donation of clothing, bedding, time or money is essential in assisting the organization and the families in Tioga County.

"Seeds of Hope Partners" is a small volunteer organiza-

tion made up of 80 people that came together in hopes of giving the needy basic essentials needed to survive.

"'Seeds of Hope' is a grassroots caring ministry that is rooted in volunteer service," Robert E. Dalton, Jr., the president judge in Wellsboro, said. "Men and women provide practical help with projects so that families remain in their homes. Even more importantly, families in difficult circumstances are given a renewed sense of self worth and hope for the future."

Many families are in danger of being separated due to the conditions of their homes. "One of the most prevalent reasons children are removed from their homes is because of health and safety issues," Diana Robinson, a Placement Unit Supervisor for Tioga County Department of Human Services, said.

Aside from assisting families with getting beds and health and safety repairs, "Seeds of Hope" also provides motivational and support groups and also donates food to families in need. To date, "Seeds of Hope Partners" has donated over 156 beds to people in Tioga County. Last month alone, the organization purchase over \$800 worth of diapers for chil-

dren in Tioga County.

"Seeds of Hope Partners" meets at 7 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at the Department of Human Services in Wellsboro. For more information visit www.seedsofhopepartners.org or contact Carl Matteson at 570-835-5169.

In addition, an informational seminar will be held from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Jazzman's Café tonight. The seminar will include guest speakers from "Seeds of Hope Partners," a PowerPoint presentation, refreshments and door prizes. "It is important for students and faculty to attend because they need to see what 'Seeds of Hope' is doing for families in the community," Ali Poston, a senior at Mansfield University and one of the event organizers, said. "There are so many families in the area that do not have things that many of us take for granted. There are children and adults in Tioga County that do not have beds to sleep on. People need to find out how they can help. This can be the first step." For more information on the seminar, contact Ray Weaver at weaverr@mnsfld.edu or by telephone at 607-329-3470.

Com Day presents successful alumni

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's Communication Department will be hosting its annual Com Day on Friday, April 8. The event will be held at 1 p.m. in 307 Alumni Hall. There will be a light picnic after the event. Dr. Lee Wright, Chairperson of the Communication and Theatre department said the event is beneficial to all majors, not just communication students.

Com Day is an opportunity for current Mansfield University students to meet Mansfield alumni who have gone on to have successful careers in communication. It helps students to see the types of skills they will need in the professional world. Current Mansfield University students get this opportunity chance to see what is expected of them in order to be successful after graduation.

This year's Com Day speakers include:

- ◆ Robin Fenton, Manager of Standards Operations for the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers
- ◆ Jill Beers, Master Control Technician at ESPN
- ◆ Tom Beers, AVID symphony Editor of ESPN

Each year the Communication and Theatre department invites several alumni to speak to current students about their careers. This year there are three presenters. Among these people is Robin Fenton who is a 2001 Public Relations graduate who is currently the manager of Standards

Operations for the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers. Jill Beers was a 1997 Broadcasting graduate; she is the Master Control Technician at ESPN. Tom Beers also a 1997 graduate works for ESPN as the AVID symphony editor.

"The real value for students is to inspire them," Wright said. "They get to see these previous students who were once where they are now and are currently very successful in their careers. It gives students a positive message that they can do that too."

Wright said the most valuable portion of the presentation is the question and answer period. During this time students can see how those students achieved their goals, what organizations they were involved in, the activities they participated in and the overall experiences at Mansfield that helped them get to where they are today.

Mansfieldians "borrow" classics for spring concert

By LEAH BURROUS

Flashlight Writer

The vocal ensemble, the Mansfieldians received a standing ovation Saturday night at their campus concert. The concert had two musical directors and two themes entwined together. Dr. Peggy Dettwiler conducted the classical madrigals while Dr. Sheryl Monklieden directed the jazz portion of the concert.

A madrigal is a piece sung unaccompanied and developed in the early Renaissance period.

The title of the concert was "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blues." The title describes the theme and how the directors picked classical, contemporary, jazz and music that was borrowed from different composers.

"You saw two different concerts and for that, those students have to work hard," Dettwiler said.

Preparation included two and

a half hours just for the show which Dettwiler calls the "biggest event of the year."

Tom Dixon is in his first year as a baritone for the Mansfieldians.

"We had a lot of fun," he said. "There were a lot of different concepts that were difficult and challenging."

Monklieden agrees that the pieces were diverse and served as a new challenge.

"Both styles that they sang say a lot," she said. "They are all talented and they

work hard."

The Mansfieldians will be performing many of the songs from their "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blues" concert on April 27 at the Wren's Nest restaurant.

"I am very excited to be a part of such an elite group," Mansfieldian Annie Williams said. "It was a goal I had set for myself upon entering the music department here at Mansfield, and it is a great feeling when you achieve your goal."

Festival Chorus performs "Requiem"

By ERIC THOMAS

Special to The Flashlight

The Mansfield University Festival Chorus has been working on "Requiem" by Giuseppe Verdi for their upcoming concert on April 9 and 10. The piece is comprised of seven movements containing a the popular section called Day of Anger (Dies Irae).

This year, the group will perform with the largest group of members totaling 135 music-majors, non-majors, volunteers and community members. The chorus meets on a weekly basis to prepare for this year's major choral work.

A member of the Festival Chorus, Corey Tarreto said, "Verdi's Requiem is one of the most dramatic masterpieces of its time. Despite the Latin text, the eeriness and fear of God's wrath is made strikingly apparent through the music. Backed by a full orchestra, combined with four amazing soloists and haunting melodies, this

concert is sure to be powerful."

"The 'Requiem' expresses the affect on Verdi by the deaths of Gioachino Rossini, a foremost Italian opera composer and Alessandro Manzoni, a venerated Italian poet," Director Dr. Peggy Dettwiler said. "The work, composed in their memory, is deeply personal in its reflection of the composer's concerns about his own death, but also highly public in its commemoration of two Italian cultural icons and its use of the tradition of Italian opera."

There are two performances at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at Steadman Theatre and at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at the Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium. Tickets prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and children. Tickets may also be purchased online through the Mansfield University website at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by calling 570-662-4711.

The Greek Letter: Fraternity receives honorable university recognition

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By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

Following a temporary suspension of charter and several months of hard work, Sigma Tau Gamma returned to the Greek Community at Mansfield University on Tuesday, March 22. As the longest existing social fraternity at Mansfield University, the return of Sig Tau brings back a sense of history to the fraternity side of things.

Established in 1920 at Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg, Mo., Sigma Tau Gamma was founded on six central principles; value, learning, leadership, excellence, benefit and integrity. These values, and an overall dedication to the continuing fraternal life, have led to the establishment of over 50 chapters and over 50,000 members nationwide.

The Gamma Alpha chapter of Sig Tau was founded at Mansfield in 1965 and now boasts nearly forty years of brotherhood at Mansfield University. As past active members of the Greek community, the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma have served on Inter-Fraternal Council, Greek Week

Committee and in numerous outside organizations. Their annual "Books for Kids" event has helped children in the local community for many years.

However, things have not always been wonderful for Sigma Tau Gamma. Recent concerns left the chapter facing the possibility of a permanent suspension. The possibility of such a tragedy served as a wake up call for many of the brothers, including chapter President Dennis Hosey.

"We were upset that bad leadership in the past had brought us to this point," Hosey said. "However, we really wanted to work hard to change our situation."

Now that Sig Tau is once again an organization in good standing with the University, there is still much work facing the chapter.

"We are working on our recruitment efforts, our new member education and our chapter by-laws to build a strong foundation," Hosey said. "We do not want to do all this work for nothing. We want to build a good chapter and also recruit guys who have a high work ethic and good academic standards.

We want a strong chapter."

Anyone interested in learning more about Sigma Tau Gamma can visit their website at www.sig-matagamma.org or talk with one of the brothers.

In other Greek news, the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, in an effort to benefit the Special Olympics, are collecting old cell phones. Once collected, the phones are used as part of a national effort to raise funds to help train Special Olympic athletes. Collection boxes will be on campus or you can contact Victoria Moore, ASA's Philanthropic Chair, for more information.

The new members of Alpha Sigma Tau are currently facilitating a clothing drive. This is an excellent opportunity for all students to clean out their closets to lighten the load for the end of the semester move-out. Boxes will be available on campus or you can contact any sister for help.

The office of Greek Life would also like to extend congratulations out to the newly initiated members of Delta Zeta, Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha.

American Idol IV - Who will be the next shining star of reality television?

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Fans of Fox's hit reality television show "American Idol" are learning that this year's competition holds something for everyone. As competitors hit the stage in the final weeks of "Idol," the battle to win the hearts of millions will reach new heights. Who will it be? With two rock stars, a fine country gal, and a handful of pop performers, this year's competition may be a battle of the genres more than anything.

To predict how fans may vote this season, several factors should be considered. Because "American Idol" is such a popular television show, it is only natural that one would look to the popular music charts for answers.

After referring to the top ten singles on the Billboard Hot 100, there is no question that selections from the Rap and R&B genres are chart dominators. With singles like 50 Cent's "Candy Shop," a song that is currently topping the chart at number one and Usher's new hit, "Caught up," also sharing a



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American Idol airs at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on FOX. spot in the top 10 at 8, can rockers or pop princesses still survive the nation's music scene?

Currently, the Billboard Hot 100 leaves little room for these competitors. Long time rockers Green Day place at number five this week with their hit "Boulevard of Broken Dreams." Kelly Clarkson is also scoring points with her new rock inspired

sound. Her hit, "Since you've been gone" comes in at number two this week. Gwen Stefani brings up the rear at number ten with her hit club tune, "Rich Girl."

So what does all of this chart jargon mean for the contestants on "American Idol?" It could mean that voters would like to see songs performed in the styles of their favorite recording artists. But can

"American Idol" fans be written off as a group of pop fanatics that easily? Recent polls tell us no. In fact, in a poll asking fans to vote for what type of performance would help their favorite idol the most, an overwhelming 61 percent answered a rock number. Only eight percent of those polled claim that an R&B tune would be most beneficial for their competition favorite. A complete contradiction to the chart theory, this new evidence suggests that the fans may be for the rockers.

Donning long hair and leather, rock performers Constantine Maroulis and Bo Bice must be doing something right. Neither of these two have entered the bottom three yet. Of the nine remaining, only three other "Idol" contestants share this quality. Pop and R&B singers Scott Savol and Vonzell Solomon join the rockers along with country girl Carrie Underwood.

Of the five contestants avoiding the bottom three, only two have received some type of formal singing training. Solomon studied classical music for four years and Maroulis studied music at the Boston Conservatory. Other formally trained contestants include Anwar Robinson and Nadia Turner. Will formally trained vocalists come out on top this time around? Only time will tell.

Considering all of these facts, predicting the winner of "American Idol IV" is truly a challenge. However, after careful consideration we here at *The Flashlight* feel confident in our picks for this season's top three.

**The Flashlight's
picks for this season's
"American Idol"
top three
(In no particular order)**



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Constantine Maroulis

Age: 29

Hometown: New York

Audition City: Washington D.C.

Musical Influences: The Doors

and Janis Joplin

Other Talents: Actor/writer



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Carrie Underwood

Age: 21

Hometown: Checotah, Okla.

Audition City: St. Louis

Musical Influences: George

Michael and Kelly Clarkson

Other Talents: Guitar and piano



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Bo Bice

Age: 29

Hometown: Helena, Ala.

Audition City: Orlando

Musical Influences: Matchbox

Twenty and Sheryl Crow

Other Talents: Piano, guitar

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Career Development Center

April 7, 2005

Pa. Civil Service Commission Information Session
Room 301 AHUB, two sessions; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

April 12, 2005

North Central Pa. Education Consortium
Bloomsburg University 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mansfield University students can pick up entrance tickets from the
Career Development Office.

April 13, 2005

Mansfield University Education Fair
Multipurpose Room, 307 AHUB, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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University Commons uncovered: an insider's approach

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

It is evident that many college students enjoy life in the dorms at Mansfield University, but there are other alternatives besides dorm life.

Living in an off-campus apartment can be an exciting, relaxing, peaceful and focused way of living. This is the type of environment that Mansfield University Commons has to offer.

Karlie Nogle is a Commons tenant. "I think the University Commons is a wonderful alternative to traditional off-campus housing," Nogle said. "They create an opportunity for independent living within a close community of students."

The University Commons is a new apartment complex that opened in February of 2004. It is located on Business Route 15 next door to McDonald's in downtown Mansfield. Whether walking or driving, this location is a convenient distance from campus and provides students with an opportunity to explore the activities and opportunities that are available off-campus.

The apartment complex is available to Mansfield full-time students who are juniors, seniors or graduate students, as well as some qualified freshmen and sophomore students. The apartments are for students who have any reason to live off campus or simply

want the freedom to live in a relaxed atmosphere that is a convenient distance from campus.

"I enjoy the convenience of being close to campus," Nogle said. "I walk to class every day and it is only a couple of blocks to get to campus. It's not that much farther than the dorms would be if I was living on-campus."

"The Commons will include a total of three buildings, including three and four bedroom apartments. Two of the buildings have been renovated and include 28 three-bedroom and 18 four-bedroom apartments. There is currently a construction of a third building that will include six three-bedroom and 18 four-bedroom apartments," said property manager Angela Shuemaker.

There is a community center that includes a computer room, a lounge with a seating area and big screen television and a fitness center. The fitness center includes two treadmills, a stair-climber and an exercise bike.

There are also plans to create an outside patio that will include a seating area as well as a grill to provide the occupants with an opportunity to relax or have a meal outdoors.

The cost of rent at the Commons is \$465 to \$485 per occupant per month. All utilities are included in the cost of rent and the apartments are fully

furnished. You may pay for the apartment by credit card, bill-pay-online, through college loans or 529 plans.

The lease for the apartments is year-round which provides the students not only with the opportunity of living near campus during the fall and spring semesters, but also for summer sessions or possible summer jobs on campus or in the Mansfield community.

Each apartment at the Commons is furnished. Each bedroom includes a full-size bed and mattress, chest, desk, chair, cable and Internet hookup, phone and personal phone number. In addition, the bedrooms are fully carpeted.

The living room includes a couch, coffee table, end table, as well as an entertainment center including a 27-inch television.

The kitchen includes a refrigerator, range, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal and a washer and dryer, but does not include utensils. The kitchen also includes a communal phone and phone number that is available for use for all of the occupants.

Finally, the apartments offer central air as well as heat that the occupants can control themselves. Occupants do not have to share a room and each room is individually keyed which provides a more private and secure environment for everyone.



PHOTO BY BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT

The living room at a University Commons apartment includes a couch, a coffee table, an end table, a dining table, and an entertainment center with a 27-inch television.

Other tenants may disagree. Sara Beth Vanemon has not been pleased. "They are nice when you first see them, but things fall apart," Vanemon said. "The closet doors fall down and we had the insulation coming down in the bathroom. The furniture is cheaply made and the Internet is dial-up. It's difficult to get a hold of someone when something needs to be fixed. For paying \$465 per month to live here, there are a lot of things I would change. After living here, however, I would never move back into the dorms."

Megan Setzer is disappointed with the parking situation. "There

are not enough parking spaces, and when you have a guest, you have to have a parking pass for them, Setzer said. "The parking passes are difficult to get. If you can't get a parking pass, your visitor gets towed. I think there are better ways to handle the parking situation."

Students may sign up for a one-year lease for the 2005-2006 year. "Housing is going quickly as more and more students are posing an interest in living off-campus," Shuemaker said. "If students are interested, they should fill out an application as soon as possible."

Opportunities for artists: The Settlement House

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

These days it is often comforting to get away from the stress of everyday life and experience the comforting country air where the blacktop ends. Though the blacktop does not end on Route 6 in Sylvania, the experience of a beam-built home and the works of gifted artisans is what the Settlement House has to offer.

The Settlement House is a model home exhibiting the work of Greg Sickler, a post-and-beam homebuilder who has framed homes up and down the East coast. The Settlement House, from the outside in, exhibits Sickler's craft as well as the woodwork and detail of post-and-beam built homes.



PHOTO BY BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT

The Settlement House is located 13 miles outside of Mansfield, on Route 6 in Sylvania, Pa.

Inside the house is a fine arts shop exhibiting works of local artists as well as artists from across Pennsylvania and New York.

Included are items such as watercolor paintings, stained glass, pottery, furniture, lamps and much more. The hand-woven

works of Ruth Anne Miller, a fibers instructor at Mansfield University, are also featured at The Settlement House and are famously known as being exhibited on the White House Christmas tree.

Children and adults can take part in beginner or advanced classes. Shop-owner Connie Sickler teaches classes, and specialty workshops are taught by some of the shop-displayed artisans.

According to Connie Sickler, art should always have a personal element to it in order to be of value. Whether the art is emotional, comical or abstract, the viewer examining the art should receive the same feelings that the artist put into the work. "Remember,

not all books are appreciated by all people and neither will all paintings be," Sickler said. To the portion of the world that does not relate to any one piece of art, the statement was worth making."

The Settlement House is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located 13 miles outside of Mansfield on Route 6.

For those that have an appreciation for art or want to experience something new, take a trip to the Settlement House. Those who visit will not only enjoy the atmosphere of small-town Sylvania, but also will leave with the experience of intricate post-and-beam built homes and experience some of Pennsylvania's most gifted artisans.

Smoking: Why students are choosing to light up

By BIJAN MANAVIZEDAH
Flashlight Writer

As a student walks around the Mansfield University campus, one may notice it is quite the smoker's paradise. Even though smoking is prohibited in the dormitories, as soon as one takes a step outside, that person will see that there is an overabundance of smokers. Could this be a coincidence? Are more people smoking these days? Is it actually cool to smoke now? These questions may be running through the minds of many non-smokers. Answers to these questions can't be assumed. One needs to go to the smoker's spots of Mansfield University to find out.

Smokers usually travel in herds like horses, bison or even ducks. If one group is not smoking, another is. It seems all of the students these days are doing it: preps, punks, skaters, rockers, hippies, the cool kids, the not-so-cool kids and even professors and music majors. Pretty much every group is smoking, except the athletes.

Brody Alexander, a freshman, said, "The major reason smoking is so high is that we are in a college, where the level of stress is unprecedented. Students have never felt so

much pressure and smoking is a good reliever of stress." According to Alexander he has smoked for five years and started because he thought it was cool and gave into peer pressure. "In Mansfield, cigarettes are so cheap," Alexander said. "I am an adult, I can buy them. My parents frown upon smoking, but because of the liberty of college, they will not find out."

Kate McCann, a sophomore, has been smoking for three years. She did not buy a pack until she was 18-years-old "I view it as a social thing," McCann said. McCann's favorite brand is Marlboro blend 27s. Her friend, Preston Evans, a freshman, just started smoking last week, because he was having girlfriend problems. He plans on quitting soon.

According to McCann, the pressures of college such as finances can influence the desire to smoke. People who have financial aid problems are often stressed out from such pressures. Such people need a break from their problems and smoking has been known by some to reduce stress considerably.

Brent Eiklor, a sophomore, started eight years ago. When asked why students smoke on cam-

pus he said, "Drinking. People go to parties get drunk and smoke, even nonsmokers. Everyone pretty much smokes. Anyone who goes to bars or parties." His favorite brand is Marlboro Menthol 100s.

In response to why she began smoking four years ago, Stephanie Smith, a freshman, said, "I was an occasional drinker and smoked when I drank and got addicted."

In regards to Eiklor's argument, Smith proves his point that mostly everyone who goes to parties smokes. This for sure cannot be a coincidence. According to Smith, students at parties smoke considerably more than they do when sober. Yet, one should not think that just because a person smokes at parties, it means he or she only smokes at parties. A lot of people who smoke do not party.

Nathan Miller, a junior, has smoked for the past eight months to one year. "Predominantly everyone here who smokes is because of leisure or boredom," Miller said. "The people who smoke more cannot be distinguished. From my perspective it is everyone, except those people who think they are too good for smoking."

According to [www.tobac-](http://www.tobac)



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According to a survey, 31 percent of all college students in the United States smoke.

cfreeu.org, 31 percent of all college students in the United States smoke. Therefore, statistically speaking at Mansfield, approximately the number of undergrads that smoke is about 1100 students. The website also says the groups with the highest percent of smokers are art students, homosexual or transgender students, fraternity and sorority members and women.

Smokers, ask yourself this question: "Is it from boredom,

stress, a drinking thing or peer pressure?" It may not be possible to draw an answer from these reasons, except that they may all be a mixture of reasons. There is no one group that does it more than others. As you enter the professional world, it is important to ask yourself the benefits and consequences of cigarette smoking. If the consequences outweigh the benefits, it may be time to kick the habit.

Word on the street: How do students feel about smoking on campus?



Name: Anna Yellenick
Year: Freshman
Smoker Status: Regular
Why: "It is a habit, but I actually do enjoy having a cigarette after a big meal or when I am with friends."



Name: Roxanne Heaney
Year: Freshman
Smoker Status: Never
Why: "Personally I think it is disgusting. I can't stand the smell of smoke, but, I do have friends who smoke and I respect them."



Name: Joe Seroski
Year: Sophomore
Smoker Status: Social
Why: "Smoking is just something to do around your friends when you are bored. Having a cigarette is just something to do."



Name: Katie Gates
Year: Junior
Smoker Status: Regular
Why: "I am more of a social smoker, I don't smoke by myself. I like to especially when it's nice outside."



Name: Angela Lo Verde
Year: Sophomore
Smoker Status: Social
Why: "I smoke at parties after drinking. Everyone else does it so I just mingle with them. I never smoked before college."

Pennsylvania hot spots for your summer vacation

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

With summer vacation a month away, students at Mansfield University are already thinking about their summer plans.

There are many hot spots in Pa. Since college students are on a limited income, the task is to find a high-quality vacation spot at a low price.

Knoebel's Amusement Resort

One place to go this summer is Knoebel's Amusement Resort. The park is located off Route 487 in Elysburg, Pa. Parking and admission are free. There is also free entertainment in the park. The free entertainment includes live musical performances and stage magic. Rides are priced individually. Prices range from sixty cents to two dollars per ride. The Skyride is the only ride that costs \$3.

If this sounds expensive, one can buy an all-day hand stamp on weekdays. A "Basic Rides" hand stamp costs \$25.50. A hand stamp with a wooden coaster option

costs \$31. These stamps are valid all day, but are only available on weekdays. On weekends, people have to purchase individual ride tickets. The Skyride and Haunted Mansion are not included in the all-day ride passes.

Knoebel's is fun for kids and adults. There are many small rides as well as a pool. Admission is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for small children. There are also two wooden roller coasters: the Phoenix and the Twister. For more information, call 1-800-ITS4FUN.

Capitol Dinner Theatre

Harrisburg is home to the Capitol Dinner Theatre. The theatre provides guests with a choice of seeing a play or a musical. In addition to the show, guests may be treated to a meal for an additional fee. The Dinner Theatre Series costs \$36 for a matinee and \$31 for all evening shows. Children who are 18-years-old or younger pay \$23 per ticket. The price includes a buffet, the show, gratuity and tax.

The Encore Series is made up of only shows or musicals. Dinner

is not included with these tickets. Musicals in this series cost \$24. Shows in this series cost \$19. Shows playing throughout the year include *Beehive*, *What a Country!*, *The Music Man*, *Don't Touch That Dial*, *Who Nuts-It?*, *Lucky Stiff* and *It Happened One Christmas*. The Capitol Dinner Theatre is located at 1300 Wayne Street in Harrisburg, PA. For more information, call 1-877-421-0000 or go to www.capitoldinnertheatre.org.

Sight and Sound Theatres

Sight and Sound Theatres recreate biblical accounts live on stage. There are two theatres in Ronks, Pa. Weekday ticket prices are \$39 per adult and \$15 per child. Saturday ticket prices are \$49 for adults and children. Groups of ten or more people cost a dollar less.

Millennium Theatre is located at 300 Hartman Bridge Rd. Living Waters Theatre is located at 202 Hartman Bridge Rd. *Ruth* and *Psalms of David* will be performed at the Sight and Sound Theatres this summer.

The Poconos

Summer rafting in the Poconos gives people a chance to relax and enjoy a trip down the Lehigh River. The rafting takes three to four hours and involves eight miles of rafting. Included in the ticket price is a free riverside barbecue. Adult tickets are \$35.95 each. Tickets for children, ages 4-14, cost \$26.95. Whitewater Rafting trips are also available, but cost much more. Pocono Whitewater is located off Route 903 in Jim Thorpe, Pa.



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"The Twister" is the latest and largest Knoebel's rollercoaster. It features the longest vertical drop and the longest ride time.

Downhill biking trails in the Poconos are also a part of Pocono Whitewater. The most popular course is at the Lehigh River Gorge. The trip lasts four to five hours. People ride bikes down a gradual downhill grade. The trip takes people through the Lehigh Gorge State Park.

There are places to picnic on the trails. If people bring their own bikes, they only need to pay for the shuttle service to the biking trail. Shuttle service to the Lehigh River Gorge biking trail costs \$16.50 per adult. With a bike rental, the price is \$37 total. For more information, e-mail info@poconowhitewater.com or visit www.poconowhitewater.com.

If you are on a budget, you can always find a nice campground with fishing, pool and possibly golfing at a low price. Try Pine Cradle Lake campground in Rome, Pa. Camping is as low as \$20 per night. You can also rent a small cabin for \$38 per night or a cottage for \$60 per night. If you camp for six nights, you get an additional night free.

You can also check out local fairs or Renaissance fairs around your area.

You can definitely travel outside the Pennsylvania borders. In New York, check out Six Flags Darien Lake in Buffalo, N.Y.; New York; the gorge or Captain Bill's dinner cruises in Watkins Glen N.Y.

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The Poconos feature a variety of biking and rafting opportunities.



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Sight and Sound theaters will feature the Old Testament accounts of *Ruth* and *Songs of David* this summer.

Commentary:**For God's sake, turn off that infernal idiot box**

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

With the recent death of the Pope, I have been thinking a lot lately about the moral and ethical compass of the country and world in general. Given that the Pope was such a dynamic moral and political leader, it seems that the replacement will need to be just as visual. It is exciting that a new pope is being selected, but it occurs to me that it is strange that I am excited about a new religious leader given that I have not been to church in a long time. Yet it seems that there is a general lack of moral leadership in the world today. Not to harp on about the lack of positive role models, but there is something missing in modern culture.

Life today is complex, and everywhere you turn it seems there is some major news outlet covering an institution, group or person that is being rocked by scandal. I will admit that a certain degree of skepticism and cynicism is important,

but I find it saddening that, most of the time, the cynical and skeptical predictions frequently turn out to be well founded. Between the scandals in the catholic church about priests molesting kids, constant lies and manipulation at the hand of governments present and past, celebrities committing crimes and walking away free, massive corporate fraud and other moral or religious leaders harping on about how children's cartoon characters represent a threat to the sexual identity of children anywhere, it seems that there is a general lack of moral credibility. Even before his recent passing, it seemed like the Pope and the Catholic Church had been losing touch with more and more people as years went by.

Not that I claim to be the highest example of ethical standards, but I feel that the world is very much at a loss for moral and ethical guidance. In truth, I believe that the term "moral

compass" is very much an accurate statement. By this I mean that many people tend to simply go with what feels right at the time, or whatever they can rationalize themselves into doing. In short, moral hazard abounds in our modern world.

As a student of philosophy, I have read a lot about what philosophers and ethicists have to say about morality; some say it is based on a principle of derivation of pleasure, others on a metaphysical universal imperative and still others say that morality is composed of only things you choose to value through your actions. Yet ultimately, text on a page is text on a page and philosophy can sometimes create as many questions as it tries to answer, and much like religion, text is always subject to interpretation.

Thus, being unsatisfied with religion and being unsatisfied with philosophy, what source of an ethic do I, or the mass populous of humanity, have? Ultimately any sort of ethic can only come from within and as much as I

loathe admitting it, the existentialists had it right when they said that you are what you choose to do. But even so, how do you prevent the priests from touching kids, the celebrities from killing each other or the hypocritical from prosthetizing? What is the cause of my malcontent and further, what is the cure?

The problem that is plaguing the world and giving me extensive rage is that the constant 24-hour cable coverage of the misgivings of others is overexposing the world to negativity without pointing out that this is not exactly the ideal thing to do.

The simple truth of the matter is that television and radio are like little windows to a land of make believe, much like in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, but instead of puppets and songs there are people behaving badly over and over and over again. The news never shows people who are married for 40 years and have a bunch of kids who pay their taxes and do not embezzle

from their company or murder their spouse. Obviously, the bad news sells more papers, but I think this overexposure to the negative leads to a societal momentum. We are entering a Bermuda Triangle of a society and our moral compasses are getting seriously messed up and I do not know if a new pope can even save us.

In short, the best solution I can come up with, to combat the degradation of society into a collective of consumer whores seeking to satisfy their basest of needs no matter the cost, is to turn off the television. Much like teeny-bopper girls who emulate their favorite pop stars, the world today seems to perceive the manipulation and deceit in both news and its most popular television shows and think that it's the norm. The Apprentice makes me sick, as does The Real World, as does the news. All I see anymore on television is crappy people doing crappy things while laughing all the way to the bank. Man I sound so conservative.

PA-SWAT Scholarships Available for Fall 2005/Spring 2006

A study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health surveyed 393 health center directors from 4-year higher education institutions. Eighty-five percent of the directors believed that smoking among college students was a serious problem. Only 27 percent of the colleges, however, ban smoking in all indoor facilities and more than 40 percent of these colleges do not offer smoking cessation programs for students.

Recognizing that tobacco companies have shifted their marketing strategies to target the 18-24-year-old college student. Students representing the 14 Pennsylvania universities have banded together to fight against this. If you would like to be part of this group we encourage you to apply for the PA-SWAT Leadership Scholarship at Mansfield University. Applications can be picked up at our weekly meetings or from our advisor, Mr. Watts who can be contacted at x4937. There will be one scholarship offer for the upcoming year.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Watts at x4937.

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Major League Baseball preview: National League

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

In the past, the National League has dominated in the World Series. However, since 2000, the World Series Champions have rotated leagues with the National League winning in the odd years and the American League in the even years.

First, I will look at the National League East. Many people believe that this will be the most competitive league in baseball this year. It is hard to argue the competitive level of the NL East, because they are all equally mediocre.

The Atlanta Braves brought Tim Hudson and John Smoltz to the pitching mound with Smoltz in the starting position. I believe the Braves do not have enough depth in pitching. By moving Smoltz to the starting position, they will not have a legit close which may hurt them.

Johnny Estrada, who had a .314 batting average last season, is returning as catcher. Chipper Jones and Andruw Jones, will

add strong hitting to Atlanta's line-up.

Unfortunately, the Braves lost J.D. Drew, who led the team last season with 31 home runs. Andruw Jones is having a great pre-season. However, he did not produce in last year's regular season. If Chipper Jones can stay healthy and Andruw Jones can continue his strong hitting, the Braves will be a strong contender for winning the division.

The Philadelphia Phillies

improve in the off-season. However, people believe hiring Charlie Manuel as head coach will be enough to help the team. Oh yeah, they signed Kenny Lofton. What a threat he will be (note the sarcasm).

What the Phillies need to do is stay healthy, especially in their pitching staff. If Randy Wolf is healthy, he can be a threat. Do not forget, Wolf was an All-Star pitcher two years ago when he was healthy and he can do it again. In addition, they have Billy Wagner to close games if they are in a winning situation.

The Phillies also have power with Jim Thome, who led the team with 42 home runs and 102 RBIs. However, a majority of success for the Phillies will depend on the health and consistency of Pat Burrell.

When the Phillies drafted Burrell, their decision was based on his power hitting. Last season, he only had a .257 average and 24 home runs. He will need to step up if the Phillies want to be a contender for the division title.

The New York Mets brought in Pedro Martinez as starting pitcher. Martinez suffers from shoulder problems. Unless they bring in younger pitching, they will be going nowhere fast. The only positive aspect for the Mets is Carlos Beltran, a proven player who will help this team.

The Florida Marlins upgraded at the first base position, by adding Carlos Delgado. Delgado is a strong addition to the team although I do not see the team being a threat for the division crown. The pitching on the team is too inconsistent. Josh Beckett needs to prove himself after flopping last year.

The Washington Nationals, formally known as the Montreal Expos, underwent no major changes. However, they added Vinny Castilla from Atlanta, which will help their hitting. They still do not have a strong pitching staff. I think the lack of tough pitching will hold the Nationals back.

In the NL Central, there were no major additions aside from the addition of Mark Mulder to the defending NL Champion, the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cardinals lost Edgar Renteria to the Boston Red Sox and did not try to replace him. I expect the Cardinals to fall into a slump for a little, but not for too long. Do not forget they have Scott Rolen, Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols. These key players make it possible for the Cardinals to win the division.

The Chicago Cubs lost Matt Clement who was the number five pitcher on the team. It seems, with the constant injuries to Mark Prior and Kerry Wood, the loss of Clement might come back to haunt them. The Cubs' hitting will suffer with the loss of Sammy Sosa and Moises Alou. They will need a breakout year from Corey Patterson if they hope to contend in the NL Central.

The Houston Astros lost too much with Jeff Kent and Carlos Beltran leaving town. Consequently, Astros hitting will suffer. The most positive thing for the team this season is Roger Clemens returning for at least one more year. Another positive point is that Andy Pettitte should be healthy, so you might be looking at one of the top pitching staffs in Major League Baseball.

The Milwaukee Brewers and Pittsburgh Pirates did not improve over the off-season. They will not contend at all in the NL Central.

Finally, there is the NL West, which could be the worst division in baseball. There is no Barry Bonds, for at least half the season if not the whole season, in San Francisco. There is no Adrian Beltré in Los Angeles. There is no pitching in Colorado. There is no talent in Arizona. This leaves the San Diego Padres to pick up the scraps and win the NL West.

Mark Loretta led the Padres in batting averages .335. His on base percentage is at .886. Along with the power of Phil Nevin, who had 26 home runs and 105 RBIs last season, the Padres will put up the offense to walk away with the NL West. If the Giants can keep it close and get Bonds back after the All-Star break, they might have a shot at contending in the division. Should San Francisco not have Bonds, there is not a team in the NL West to that can contend with the Padres.

So who will win the National League? One can go with the obvious pick, the St. Louis Cardinals. However, do not count out the Cubs. When the Cubs are healthy, they can have one of the best pitching staffs in baseball. Their only problem is finding the right closer. Once they figure that out, stay healthy and play smart baseball, the Cubs might be the next team to break a curse.



PHOTO FROM WWW.SLAMCANOE.COM
Pat Burrell's success is necessary for the Phillies to be a contender in the National League this season.

Is image outweighing statistics in women's professional sports?

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight Sports Editor

Five teams were given Expansion licenses for 2005 and three teams were given Intent licenses at the Women's Professional Football League's semi-annual meeting last month.

The five teams are The Cape Fear Thunder from Fayetteville, N.C., the Georgia Gladiators from Marietta, Ga., the Carolina Queens from S.C., the New Mexico Burn from Albuquerque, N.M. and the Empire Roar out of Rochester, N.Y. were all given Expansion licenses for 2005.

The Westchester Wizards, Connecticut Cyclones and San Antonio Sidewinders were all given Intent licenses for 2006.

The Women's Professional Football League is starting their seventh season. There are 19 teams in 13 states. The NFL had 10 teams nationwide in their eighth year of existence. The WPFL's 2005 season kicks off July 30.

I am glad to hear about the WPFL expansion. I am also ashamed that as a woman and a sports fan, I have never heard of the WPFL. I could use the excuse that I am from outside of Baltimore, which is nowhere near any of the WPFL franchises, but somehow that just does not seem right.

I thought that maybe I had overlooked it on my many trips to ESPN.com. That was not the case. ESPN.com covers all the major sports, as well as minor league base-



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ball, arena football, rugby, cricket, sailing and many high school sports. They even have an article about the youngest player to ever win The Crossword Tournament.

Apparently, 20-year-old Tyler Hinman's ability to furiously scribble one-word answers with a big black marker in front of small crowd in a hotel ballroom takes precedence over the expansion and existence of a women's professional sport.

Then I started thinking about women's professional leagues and national teams. The U.S. Women's National Soccer team was the first to come to mind. The team is successful. It is one of the most recognized teams in women's professional sports.

The Women's National Basketball Association is the best known professional sports league with all women players. The league's popularity is strong and

growing, but it still does not receive the amount of attention or coverage as the National Basketball Association. Perhaps the media is basing its coverage on what sports fans are asking to see. Unfortunately, that creates a vicious cycle. Sports fans are not going to know what they are missing if they are never even exposed to it in the first place.

One thing fans do get to see is the occasional drop-dead gorgeous professional woman athlete, because obviously the best looking woman on the team is sure to be the star. The most attractive athlete is almost guaranteed to make it into the media and boost the popularity of her team.

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Four strong teams, three tough games, two long days and one Tarheels Championship

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Sports Editor

Entering the Final Four weekend four teams remained in the NCAA tournament all hoping to accomplish one dream. The dream of being National Champion of men's collegiate basketball reigned supreme in the minds of all the players on all teams. The University of North Carolina, University of Louisville, Michigan State University and University of Illinois were all in St. Louis, Mo., looking to cap off the end of their season by winning a National Championship.

Before the teams could even think about a National Championship there were still the regional semifinal games to complete in the Final Four. Illinois, the champions of the Chicago Regional, were scheduled to face off against the Albuquerque Regional champion, Louisville. UNC, the Syracuse Regional champion, was scheduled to take on the winner of the Austin Regional, Michigan State. This past Saturday the four teams got ready to take the first step to the National Championship game that was played Monday night. Illinois and Louisville tipped-off the early game followed by Michigan State and UNC.

Illinois and Louisville was a game that had a lot of questions to be answered: Could Louisville Head Coach Rick Pitino make it to another

National Championship game with his second team? Could Illinois finally gain some respect by beating a quality opponent such as Louisville?

The game got off to the pace that fans expected, up and down the court with each team scoring back and forth, resulting in a 31-28 halftime score in favor of Illinois. However, The second half was a different story altogether. Louisville was simply outplayed and overmatched as Illinois dominated the rebounding statistics and scoring in the second half. Leading 50-49 at one point in the second half, Illinois then went on an 11-0 scoring run from which Louisville never recovered. Led by Roger Powell, Jr. and Luther Head, each scoring 20 points for Illinois. The Fighting Illini of Illinois cruised to a 72-57 victory. Louisville never got back on track with their scoring as they had bad shot selections, but even more critical for the Cardinals was that their team leader, Francisco Garcia, was harassed all night long by Illinois defense. Garcia had no easy looks at the basket for scoring opportunities and looked nothing like the player that fans saw during the previous rounds leading up to the Final Four.

UNC and Michigan State started game two on Saturday night at the same pace Louisville and Illinois did. UNC was known to



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like the fast pace as they have had a lot of success this season with fast break points and transition points off turnovers. Michigan State was playing at UNC's pace and for the first half and it worked to their advantage. They lead at halftime, 38-33. UNC scored the first six points of the second half and never looked back as they kept putting up points at a quick rate. At one point in the second half, UNC was on a 15-0 scoring run which finally put the game out of reach for Michigan State. UNC dominated offensively and defensively in the second half as the Tar Heels advance to their first National Championship game since 1993 with an 87-71 victory. Sean May and Jawad Williams lead the scoring for UNC with 22 points and 20 points respectively. May and Williams also helped UNC dominate in the rebounding department

as the Tar Heels out-rebounded Michigan State 51-27 overall.

Monday night was the grand finale of what has been one of the best NCAA tournaments in history. Illinois and UNC, the undisputed two best teams in America, met in the Edward Jones Dome for a chance to finally crown a National Champion of the 2005 season, with Illinois making its first appearance in a National Championship game. UNC was going after its fourth national title in school history

and was trying to give coach Roy Williams the first of his career. UNC and Illinois battled hard early on, as Carolina would cling to a one point lead at 18-17. UNC would never trail again from this point and their fast paced offense led to a 13 point halftime lead of 40-27. The second half was no different. Dominating performances by Sean May who chipped in with 26 points and 10 rebounds and Raymond Felton with 17 points and 7 assists helped seal the victory for the Tar Heels. May was named tournament M.O.P (Most Outstanding Player). He had 26 points in the paint, while Illinois combined as a team only had 18. Illinois made a second-half run, tying the score at 70 with under three minutes to play. Luther Head

and Deron Williams of Illinois helped the comeback. Head led Illinois scorers with 21 points. However, it was May's dominating performance in the paint that helped offset the scoring surge by Williams and Head. Head Coach Roy Williams ended his 40 game NCAA tournament winning streak without a National Championship by finally winning the "Big Game" on Monday night with a 75-70 victory. UNC wins its first National Championship game since 1993 and fourth overall in team history.



PHOTO FROM WWW.COLLEGESPORTS.COM
Sean May has averaged 14.1 points and 9.4 rebounds per game.

'IMAGE'

Recently, I was looking over a fact sheet about Mia Hamm, a U.S. Women's National Soccer team star. The first thing listed on the fact sheet was that Hamm was one of *People Magazine's* "50 Most Beautiful People." It did not mention that she was a three-time U.S. Women's Soccer athlete of the year until the second paragraph. Is it me or is something wrong with that?

The athletes do not seem to mind. Think back to the 2004 Summer Olympics. The U.S. Women's Beach Volleyball team boosted their popularity by 'downsizing' their uniform. This year's uniforms are smaller than ever. The most popular duo was Misty May and her teammate Kerri Walsh. When



the *Today Show's* Katie Couric asked Walsh about the change in uniform style, Walsh answered her by explaining that she did not care what brought in the fans. Walsh said "I don't care if people see me as a sexual object. As long as after they see me play, they also consider me an athlete."

Of course, there are women athletes like Jennie Finch who refused to pose for men's magazines, such as *For Him Magazine*, *Maxim* and *Playboy*. When did she get the most attention? No, it is not when she brought home the gold medal in the 2004 Summer Olympics as pitcher for the U.S. Softball team. It was when she posed for *Sports Illustrated's* swimsuit issue because she believed they treated female athletes tastefully in the previous year's issue.

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At the age of
15, Mia Hamm
was the
youngest play-
er to ever play
for a national
team. She has
been a member
of the U.S.
Women's
National Soccer
team ever since.

I am not an anti-male, feminist, sports Nazi. The women I have mentioned who were recognized for their level of attractiveness are phenomenal athletes. They deserve attention; I just wanted to point out that the things they are being praised most for seem a bit shallow. I cannot think of any popular unattractive women athletes. I am sure they exist, but they have not been the focus of the team. I do not think a woman athlete will ever gain popularity for being the ugliest in her sport. I say this thinking of Yankees pitcher, Randy Johnson. Johnson may very well be the ugliest man in professional sports, now that Gheorghe Muresan is out of the NBA. People love him for his mullet and awkward appearance as much as they love him for his tremendous pitching ability.

My question to you is, are women in professional sports and professional women's teams receiving appropriate coverage from the media? I do not have the answer. I would not be surprised if when the WPFL makes mainstream news it is because besides having a hell of an arm, the team's quarterback is a knock out.

Mountaineers split with West Chester



By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University softball team at long last managed to get PSAC East competition underway, despite continued poor weather in the Mansfield area.

The Mountaineers entered PSAC East action with a 13-1 record overall. They began their quest to improve on that mark when they traveled to Shippensburg University on Wednesday, March 30, for a showdown with the nationally ranked Red Raiders.

Mansfield managed only five hits in the first game as they fell by a score of 6-0.

Game two brought more of the same, as the Mountaineers

SPORTS INFORMATION

Kris Kelly went 4-4 with a home run and six RBI's to lead Mansfield University to a 9-1 win over West Chester.

dropped the contest 7-0 to slip to 13-3 on the season and 0-2 in the league. Amy Martino and Alison Tagliaferri took the losses on the mound for Mansfield.

The Mountaineers needed less than 24 hours to bounce back.

Rescheduled games forced a trip to East Stroudsburg University the next afternoon.

The Warriors roared out to a 4-0 lead, but Mansfield quickly wiped out that deficit and then some. In the top of the third inning, Mansfield erupted for eight runs. The explosion was highlighted by a pair of two-run doubles, one from Kris Kelly and another from Nancy Quinn.

Mansfield eventually extended their lead to 12-6 before holding off a furious East Stroudsburg rally to prevail 12-11. Game two finished in a 3-3

tie due to darkness.

The game will only be completed if it ends up having play-off ramifications at season's end. The win and the tie pushed Mansfield to 14-3-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the PSAC East.

Friday, April 1, marked Mansfield's third consecutive day of games. That date also represented Mansfield's long awaited home opener against West Chester University. Game one was a Mansfield romp, 9-1.

Mansfield Softball Head Coach Edith Gallagher was pleased to be able to finally play at home for a few reasons.

"It was great to get a home game in," Gallagher said. "We have missed so many classes already that it helps to play at home and not miss as many classes. It is also nice to have our home fans."

The Mountaineers were led by Kelly's home run and six RBI's.

Game two was a much tighter contest, with West Chester University squeaking out a 3-2 victory. Kristen Dean took the loss for the Mountaineers, despite at one point retiring 16 consecutive batters.

As of Monday, April 4, Mansfield sits at 15-4-1 on the campaign and 2-3-1 in the division.

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"On the Sidelines" with pitcher Kristen Dean

By MICHAEL PETERS
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The Mansfield University softball team has embarked on what could be a successful season. Entering play on Thursday, the Mountaineers grasp a 17-4 record.

Much of the Mountaineers success is due to their pitching staff. Four women have been sent to the mound to defend the Mansfield name this season. Amy Martino, Christine Ross, Alison Tagliaferri and Kristen Dean make up the pitching staff that has silenced their opposition and left many hitters looking back into the catcher's mitt, wondering what could have been.

Dean, along with Martino, has been one of the staff's anchors. She leads the Mountaineers in most pitching categories; win (7), innings pitched (51), complete games (5) and shutouts (5). Dean has also recorded 58 strikeouts and maintained a 2.47 ERA to guide Mansfield to success.

The junior pitcher and outfielder has already matched last years win total (7) and is two victories shy of her previous collegiate high (9) which she achieved in her rookie season in 2003.

The right-handed Mountaineer ace believes that this could be a sensational year for Mansfield University softball. Dean and the rest of the Mountaineers are aiming to bring the softball program its second consecutive Easter College Athletic Conference championship.

Michael Peters: What is your year and major?

Kristen Dean: I am a junior majoring in nursing.

MP: What made you choose that major?

KD: When I first started at Mansfield, I was an accounting major, but decided that it just wasn't the life I wanted. I wanted to be out helping people in whatever ways I can. In nursing there are so many different fields and different options to choose from. I'm looking forward to a career in nursing. Right now I am looking into going on to

school to be a nurse anesthetist.

MP: Where are you from?

KD: Canton, Pa.

MP: How old are you?

KD: 21-years-old

MP: Why did you decide to come here to Mansfield University?

KD: I decided I did not want to be too far away from home when I came here. At Mansfield, I can be as close to home as I want to be or as far away as I want to be.

MP: What is your favorite sport besides softball?

KD: Probably volleyball.

MP: When did you start to play softball?

KD: I started playing when I was eight.

MP: What positions do you play?

KD: Pitcher and outfield.

MP: How did you end up there?

KD: I decided I wanted to start pitching when I was twelve and came to Mansfield University for a pitching clinic. I've been pitching ever since. I started playing the outfield when I came to Mansfield my freshman year.

MP: Did you ever participate in any other sports?

KD: At Mansfield no, but in high school I played volleyball and basketball as well as softball.

MP: Have you won any awards?

KD: I have been a PSAC scholar athlete since my freshman year. I have also been recently named to the NFCA All-Academic team

MP: What is your favorite part of being on the team?

KD: The team unity is definitely a huge part of being on the team. It's great knowing that we can always depend on each other for anything, not just on the softball field. It's

like a big support system. Someone is always there for you no matter what.

MP: When you were throwing your no-hitter, what was going through your mind?

KD: Nothing really. I just pitched. It's bad luck to say anything about a no-hitter until afterwards.

MP: How do you feel after striking out an opponent?

KD: It's a good feeling, but after facing one opponent, you have to erase it from your mind and focus on the next batter.

MP: Would you rather strikeout the side or make a great play in the field?

KD: Strikeouts are good, great plays are good. As long as we get the out, it doesn't really matter which happens.

MP: What keeps you going strong?

KD: As most people know, Helen Lutes was a big part of our softball family. She always believed in us no matter what the situation. She is always with us. Her faith and belief in Mansfield Softball keeps us all going. I play for her.

MP: Is there anything you do before a game, like a routine or superstition?

KD: When we take our time to focus in and get our minds ready for the game, I say the Lord's Prayer.

MP: What have you learned from playing softball that you will carry on with you in your future?

KD: Work ethic and time management. Its tough being an athlete and a college student. It's definitely taught me how to manage my time a lot better than I used to.

MP: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

KD: Ten years from now, I would like to be living somewhere down south. Virginia would be nice, working in either an ER or ICU or becoming a nurse anesthetist and who knows, maybe I will meet that special

guy and be married by then or maybe not. Ten years from now, I want to be able to look back and say that I have worked hard to get where I am and just be successful at whatever I do.

MP: Is there a motto or saying that you live or play by?

KD: For love of the game.

MP: How is the team going to do this season?

KD: We have all the key ingredients to be a great team. I think that this season is going to be a great one for Mansfield Softball.

MP: What one piece of advice would you give to student athletes?

KD: Enjoy being a student athlete. It is tough, but looking back, even though I am only a junior, I can say that I would not want my college experience to be any different. There are only a handful of people out there that do what we do. Stand out and be a leader. Work hard at practice and games and even harder in the classroom. Enjoy it. Those four years will be over before you know it, so make them the best four years you can.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Last season, as a sophomore, Kristen Dean pitched 60 strikeouts.

Mountaineer football names new coaching staff to begin immediately

MANSFIELD - Eddy Augustin has been named as the full-time defensive line and strength coach at Mansfield University. The announcement was made March 30, by head football coach Jim Shiffer.

Augustin served as the defensive coordinator and defensive line coach at Norwich University since February 2004. Prior to that he was the special teams coordinator and strength and conditioning

coordinator at Norwich from 2001-2004. A 1994 graduate of Millersville with a degree in psychology, Augustin was a four-year member of the Marauder football program. He was a running back for his first two seasons before moving to linebacker.

In addition, he served internships at the University of Pennsylvania and Sonoma State University and earned a M.A.

SPORTS INFORMATION
Eddy Augustin helped the 1993 Marauders achieve the PSAC title.



in sport psychology from John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, Calif. in 1998.

Vincent White, who served as an assistant coach at Utah, Arizona State, Pittsburgh, SMU and Maryland among other NCAA Division I programs, has been named the offensive coordinator.

As a 1984 graduate of Stanford University with a B.A. in sociology, White enjoyed a distinguished collegiate playing career with the Cardinals. After completing his college career, he was a sixth-round

SPORTS INFORMATION
Vincent White was all-Pac-10 and honorable mention All-American honors.



draft choice of the New York Jets, but opted to play for the Denver Gold of the USFL from 1983-85.



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

The Mountaineers take five of six from their PSAC opponents while Head Coach Hillson picks up Mansfield victory no. 600

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University Mountaineers won five of the last six games on the diamond, defeating Lock Haven University and sweeping Bloomsburg University to claim first place in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Division last weekend and give Head Coach Harry Hillson win no. 600 in his career.

The Bald Eagles of Lock Haven came to Mansfield University to battle the Mountaineers in a doubleheader at Shaute field on Thursday. Each team captured a victory in the offense-driven decisions.

Mountaineer first baseman D.J. Hoshauer clubbed three home runs in the opener but it was not enough as Mansfield pitching allowed 10 runs in the Bald Eagle sixth.

Hoshauer's first blast followed an Eagle error allowing Mansfield second baseman Eric Baker to reach base. Hoshauer's two-run home run was his eighth long ball of the season.

After a two-run second inning, the first baseman led off the Mountaineer third with a solo home run (9), moving Mansfield ahead 5-0.

In his third at-bat of the game, Hoshauer launched another four-bagger (10) to give the Mountaineers a six-run lead. Mansfield right fielder J.D. Farina followed Hoshauer with a home run of his own to increase the lead to seven.

Lock Haven fought back in the sixth inning, taking advantage of Mansfield starting pitcher, Nate Jones. The Eagles hammered the south paw, Jones, for seven runs to tie the game.

Lock Haven left fielder Aaron Neideigh hit a grand slam to run the score even at 7.

After Jones was relieved by

Ryan Mantua (0-2), the Eagles took control of the game. The junior surrendered back-to-back walks with two outs in the sixth inning. With the runners on base, Lock Haven first baseman Blake Barbini knocked a three-run home run to give the Bald Eagles their first lead of the contest, 10-7.

The Mountaineers scored two runs on a single by shortstop Travis Wurster bringing Mansfield within one at 10-9 but they were unable to notch another run.

Mantua was credited with the loss as Mansfield fell to 9-10 on the season.

The second game went in favor of the Mountaineers as they outscored the Bald Eagles 13-8 thanks to a four-hit performance by Baker and a grand slam off the bat of designated hitter Colby Rickabaugh.

Rickabaugh capped a six run Mountaineer second inning with a grand slam, moving Mansfield ahead of Lock Haven, 6-3. The Mountaineers would not trail again.

Along with his four hits in five at-bats, Baker scored three times and had five RBIs.

Although getting tagged for six runs on 11 hits, Mountaineers starting pitcher Justin Ferguson (1-1) went the distance to collect his first victory of the season.

Mansfield climbed to even on the season (10-10) while Lock Haven fell to 9-10.

The Mountaineers traveled to Bloomsburg to play the Huskies in a doubleheader on Saturday at Litwhiler Field for their first division contests.

Nick Grove threw a complete game, three-run performance to secure the Mountaineer victory, moving them to first place in the PSAC East division. Grove allowed three runs in the bottom of the second inning on two RBI singles and a run scoring groundout giving Bloomsburg a 3-0 lead.

The Mountaineers scored the

next and final nine runs in the game with six in the fifth inning and three in the sixth.

After an RBI single off the bat of Mansfield catcher Scott Erickson scored Farina and loaded the bases, Baker cleared them with his fourth home run of the season, a grand slam. Baker ended the game with two hits and four RBIs.

The second game of the doubleheader also went the way of the Mountaineers, 4-3. Led by the hot hitting Baker and a three-run pitching performance by Adam Lorson, Mansfield defeated Bloomsburg to move to a 12-10 overall record and 2-0 in the PSAC East.

The Mountaineers scored all four of their runs in the first two innings. Baker led off the first inning with a walk and advanced to second on a wild pitch from Huskies pitcher, Casey Markey. Markey issued a free pass to left fielder Brandon Shockloss before getting Hoshauer to fly out. Shockloss and Baker advanced a bag on an error. Baker scored on a Rickabaugh groundout to give the Mountaineers the lead, 1-0. Shockloss crossed the plate after third baseman Stuart Sumner hit an RBI double increasing the Mansfield lead to 2-0.

After Bloomsburg put a run on the scoreboard in their half of the first inning on an RBI double off the bat of Larry Piccini, the Mountaineers answered with two runs in the second. Baker knocked in right fielder Dan Phillips with a double. Hoshauer connected with his only hit of the day, a double, to score Baker, pushing the Mansfield lead to 4-1.

Despite an RBI base hits from catcher Rich Letts and first baseman Joe Pesci, Lorson, Rickabaugh, who relieved Lorson and the Mountaineers held on to the win, 4-3.

Bloomsburg came to Mansfield Tuesday to try and even the score against the Mountaineers at Shaute

Field. However, Mansfield had different plans as they blew the Huskies out in back to back game, 13-4 and 21-8, respectively.

Along with Hoshauer, Baker continued his hot hitting going 3-3 from the plate with three runs scored and five RBIs. Hoshauer added four hits to the onslaught along with scoring once and driving in three runs.

The Mountaineers amassed nine runs in their opening frame providing starting pitcher Kane Stein (4-0) with a large margin for error. Stein, however, did not need that as he shut down the Huskies for four innings, striking out three and surrendering one run on the way to his fourth victory.

Baker added his fifth home run of the year, a three-run shot, in the fourth inning, to move the score to 13-1.

Mansfield claimed the victory, 13-4, improving their record to 13-10 and 3-0 in the East.

Although the Mountaineers allowed eight Huskies runs in the second game of the doubleheader Tuesday, it was the Mansfield show as they trounced Bloomsburg, 21-8. Allegretto (1-1) picked up his first victory while the Mountaineer offense destroyed Huskies pitching. The Mountaineers offense, once again led by Baker, Hoshauer and Rickabaugh scored 21 runs in the first three innings, taking an early 21-5 lead.

Baker was perfect from the plate grabbing four hits in as many at-bats, including a leadoff solo home run in the first inning. The second baseman scored four times and drove in three RBIs.

After Shockloss doubled to follow Baker, the power hitting first baseman clubbed his conference leading eleventh home run.



SPORTS INFORMATION

In 22 games, Eric Baker batted .458 with 33 hits including 10 doubles and four home runs.

Hoshauer was also flawless from the batters box, going 4-4 with six RBIs and four runs scored.

Rickabaugh drove in seven runs on three hits including a three-run home run in the bottom of the second inning.

Sumner added a home run of his own along with scoring three runs in the Mountaineer victory.

Mansfield pushed their division leading record to 4-0 as well as improving their overall standing to 14-10.

Mountaineer second baseman Baker received the PSAC East Division Player of the Week award for last week's performance. He piled up eight hits including a double and two home runs en route to helping the Mountaineers claim and maintain first place in their division.

The Mountaineers will take on the Warriors at 1 p.m. on Friday at East Stroudsburg University.

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Mansfield students volunteer in north Philadelphia

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

Courtney Murphy-Hull, Mansfield University's campus Catholic minister, organized a two-day trip to the St. Francis Inn soup kitchen. The St. Francis Inn is run by Franciscans in the Kensington area of Philadelphia. Murphy-Hull has taken a group of Mansfield University students to St. Francis Inn five times in the past three years. For this trip, she asked Rijelle Kraft, Hillary Grumbine and Ashley Dauphinais to accompany her. They left Friday, April 8 and returned Sunday, April 10.

The students served dinner on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, Grumbine and Dauphinais delivered food and supplies to eight residents of the Kensington area who are in need of assistance.

The St. Francis Inn opened in 1979 and just recently celebrated its

25th anniversary in 2004. A documentary about the Inn which aired on PBS, has helped them to gain publicity and receive donations from around the United States. As a result of the donations, the Inn was able to expand and underwent renovations in 1999 and 2000 which included a new kitchen. The Inn held a dedication ceremony in May of 2000 when everything was complete.

St. Francis Inn serves about 300 people daily and provides one meal a day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers can fulfill many duties such as serving the meals, providing refills, handing out desserts, bussing tables, washing and drying dishes and resetting tables.

"St. Francis Inn is such a great place to volunteer your time," Grumbine said. "You really get a chance to see what a difference it makes in the community. It is a great feeling to be able to actively make

difference in the lives of others."

Murphy-Hull used to be a full-time volunteer at St. Francis Inn before working at Mansfield University. She volunteered at the Inn for two years and now brings college students to volunteer two weekends out of the year.

"My second time at St. Francis Inn was as amazing as the first," Kraft said. "As a college student, I think it is very easy to get caught up in the college life and forget about the problems of the real world. St. Francis Inn serves as a reminder of some of those problems as well as showing creative ways to find solutions to those issues. Stopping to remember others is something that we all need to do more."

Murphy-Hull said she tries to schedule a weekend each semester, but it depends upon the Inn's availability to take volunteers. The Franciscan Volunteer Ministry also takes year long-term volunteers for



PHOTO BY HILLARY GRUMBINE

The St. Francis Inn soup kitchen serves food daily to the less fortunate.

the Inn but usually does not take more than six a year participant. Murphy-Hull said she loves going to St. Francis Inn each semester with Mansfield students.

"It is a great opportunity to get to know students better and to

expose them to the plight of the inner-city poor. It definitely takes one out of their comfort zone which I think is important. I love to be able to share this part of my life with students and the trip is always a lot of fun," Murphy-Hull said.

MUAA finds unexpected results in sexual assault student survey

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Mansfield University Advocacy Association conducted a survey on campus that assesses the level of sexual violence among Mansfield University students.

The 20 question survey includes 332 participants. All student participants were polled during the 2004 fall semester using a random selection. Surveys were administered over a four week period in both lower and upper division courses in several different courses of study.

MUAA advisor, Elizabeth Shaffer, said that the official survey results will not be complete until the beginning of the fall semester, but have already showed some startling results.

According to the survey, 58 of the 332 students polled said they have experienced sexual assault at some point during their enrollment at Mansfield University. By applying this number to the entire campus of approximately 3,300 students, about 575 students have statistically experienced sexual assault sometime during their enrollment period.

Sexual assault is legally one degree less than rape, but is technically the same situation, according to Shaffer.

"Rape is a scary word that people do not want to deal with," Shaffer said.

In addition to the number of sexual assaults, the survey shows that of the 58 accounts, 10 took place on the Mansfield University campus. Comparing this to the population of the entire campus, this suggests that about 100 accounts of sexual assault took place on campus.

The time period was not established in the survey, but offers the assumption that the event must have taken place during the average student's four-year enrollment.

"I'm looking forward to getting through the survey results because the level of violence is expected to be larger than anticipated," Shaffer said. "The numbers are running higher than I expected and I work in the field."

Other areas that the survey includes is the occurrence of harassment and stalking. With the questions that were asked, MUAA will be able to assess who the primary victims are,

according to Shaffer. By knowing the target group's age or class helps designate the proper preventative action.

"The numbers do not differ from national results, but still brings the reality of this problem to us," Shaffer said.

MUAA President for the fall semester, Amy Wood, plans to educate people on sexual assault to help decrease the number of violent incidents. She also hopes to increase the awareness of the help that MUAA offers.

"I think these are very scary results," Wood said. "We want to help people who need us. If people do not know we are here, then we cannot help them. When 100 people are assaulted and do not call us, I worry about who they do call or if they say anything at all."

Upcoming events include a "Take Back the Night Walk" that will be held at 6 p.m. on April 21, starting in the South Hall Mall. The day also recognizes Thursdays in Black, which promotes awareness of violence, and a day of silence that serves as a "peaceful protest against violence," Wood said.

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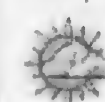


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Today's Weather



Partly cloudy with
20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 56° Low: 33°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather



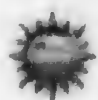
TODAY



Partly cloudy with 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 56° Low: 33°

FRIDAY



Mostly sunny with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 29°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 60° Low: 33°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 63° Low: 36°

MONDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 65° Low: 40°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 37°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 64° Low: 42°

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Congratulations to the Writers of the Week!

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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Have empty cartridges?** Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used ink cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 570-662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorms.

★ **American Democracy Project** will be hosting a weekly discussion group throughout the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at x5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ **"Seeds of Hope Partners"** is a volunteer group currently made up of 80 people which was formed in hopes of giving those in need the basic essentials of survival. They meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Department of Human Services in Wellsboro to aid in the fight that is affecting Tioga County. For more information visit www.seedsofhopepartners.org or contact Carl Matteson at 570-835-5169.

★ **Dance Team Tryouts** will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 24 in Butler Center Room 136. There will be a meeting for all interested candidates at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in Kelchner Fitness Center Aerobics Room. For more information please call Jen Evans (513-7126) or Amber Wolford (662-3091).

★ **The Mansfield University Advocacy Association** in conjunction with **HAVEN of Bradford County** will be holding a "Take Back the Night Walk" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. The group will also be observing "Thursdays in Black" and holding a candlelight vigil. All participants are asked to meet at 6 p.m. in the South Hall Mall.

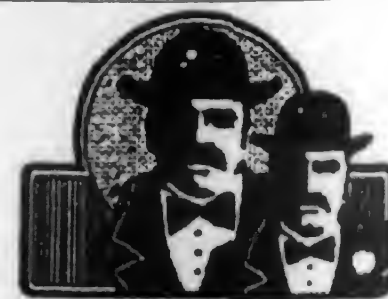
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MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Eight Mansfield University students, escorted by Robert Maris, received awards earlier this month for their presentations at the annual meeting of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists.

Students claim eight state awards at annual meeting

MANSFIELD, Pa. — Eight Mansfield University Biology students gave research presentations during the annual meeting of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists held on Saturday, April 2 at Millersville University. All eight participants received awards.

In the oral Cell/Molecular category, Melinda Drake (Bath, N.Y.) won first place.

Melissa Klegarth (Easton, Pa.) and Dirk Sears (Corning, N.Y.) took first place in the Oral presentation Ecology sessions. Other award winners in the session were Diana Jackson (Jasper, N.Y.), second place; Laura Scordino (Apalachin, N.Y.), Patrick Carrube (Carbondale, Pa.) and Todd Hoffert, (Hellertown, Pa.)

all third place.

In the Ecology Poster category Carissa Ganong (Millerton, Pa.) placed second.

Craig Oppel (Benton, Pa.) was honored as Mansfield's Outstanding Biology student.

Ganong worked with Biology Professor John Kirby and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Greg Carson, Sears was directed by Assistant Professor of Biology Steven Stein, Drake worked with Professor of Biology David Flesch, while Klegarth, Jackson, Scordino, Carrube and Hoffert were all directed by Professor of Biology Robert Maris.

CPUB is comprised of faculty and students from the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education institutions.

'SURVEY'

Outreach next semester includes speaking in UNV-100 classes, continuing Thursdays in Black, recruiting more students as trained peer advocates and bringing back the Vagina Monologues production.

For new additions to the agenda, MUAA is looking to bring back the "Men Can Stop Rape" program, sell awareness bracelets and sponsor the professional theater group, Playwrights, that addresses sexual assault and violence in their performance.

The main goal for MUAA is to inform people around campus about the statistics found in the survey, according to Shaffer.

"We not only need to inform the students, but also the faculty," Shaffer said. "We still have some professors that do not want to take the time to make their students aware."

Wood said the "bystander effect" has been working against MUAA. "If people are not willing to help us and choose to take the bystander role instead, then we cannot work together to make a difference," Wood said. "[MUAA] is here to help people, not hurt them."

Mansfield University professor represents convicted felon this May

MANSFIELD, Pa. (4/3/2005)- Keith Smith, 50, currently serving his 32nd year of a life sentence at the State Correctional Institution at Chester, asked Dr. Scott Thornsley, associate professor of criminal justice at Mansfield University, two years ago to represent him when he began assembling his application package for the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons and Thornsley agreed.

During the October 2002 serial murder sniper spree, Smith had seen Thornsley on national television. He subsequently contacted him, asking him to assist with his commutation application.

For Thornsley, it was simply the right thing to do. Thornsley already knew Smith as an inmate kitchen worker from 1979-1989 when Smith worked at the Department of Corrections' central administrative office's dining room.

"Being a kitchen worker was the most sought after inmate trustee position throughout the entire state prison system," Thornsley said.

"The job was highly visible, serving the state's highest ranking correctional administrators every workday. The inmate trustees walked unescorted to the Department's central administrative office every day from the adjacent Camp Hill state prison. Plus, the inmate workers got to eat at the dining room, instead of at the Camp Hill prison."

During the 1980s, Thornsley represented numerous inmates before the constitutionally-created Board of Pardons. He is one of a few advocates who can say one of his cases was granted clemency by the governor and subsequently released back into society, after the inmate served more than 40 of his life sentence.

Thornsley says that Smith is the "poster child" of life-sentenced inmates who deserve a second chance after being convicted of murder.

Smith was only 19 in May 1974 when he was recruited to serve as one of two lookouts during a robbery of a Philadelphia flower shop. Smith never entered the store and was not the "triggerman" who shot and killed one of the store workers. Smith was



MU CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT Dr. Thornsley will be aiding a convicted criminal in his application to the Board of Pardons.

offered a plea bargain to serve a 10-20 year sentence for third degree in exchange for pleading guilty, but Smith declined, hoping he would be placed on probation.

Instead, Smith was found guilty of second degree murder, which carried with it a mandatory life-without-parole sentence. The triggerman committed suicide in prison in 1981 and the other accomplice was released after his sentence was vacated in 1977.

Thornsley has already interviewed Smith who is now incarcerated at the State Correctional Institution at Chester. Last week Thornsley met with Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor, the state's attorney general and its three other Board members at the Camp Hill state prison where they met with Smith. At that meeting Thornsley was responsible for guiding Smith's answers to the Board.

On May 5 in the State Capitol, Thornsley will deliver a 15-minute public presentation to the Board of Pardons in the Supreme Court Courtroom and respond to their questions and concerns. According to Thornsley, his biggest challenge will be to convince newly elected state Attorney General Tom Corbett that Smith no longer represents a risk to society and is deserving of clemency.

According to Thornsley, every elected official takes a political risk every time they vote in favor of

granting a public hearing for a lifer, let alone vote to recommend an inmate to the governor. The governor then ultimately has the responsibility of deciding whether to release the inmate or not. According to the state's Constitution, the vote of the five Pardons Board members must be unanimous to recommend clemency to the governor.

Thornsley uses the Smith case during every introductory criminal justice class when sentencing, the death penalty and clemency is discussed.

Thornsley is optimistic about Smith's chances of being recommended for clemency by the Board of Pardons.

"First, Smith has served over 30 years in prison for a crime that he had been offered a plea bargain to 30 years before," Thornsley said. "Second, Smith is 50 years old, an age many criminologists believe that is well past the crime-prone years and has acquired only nine minor incidents of misconduct over 30 years in prison. Third, Smith was offered a plea bargain, and turned it down. Fourth, Smith has been recommended by every correctional official, from his block officer to the Secretary of Corrections."

When asked how he will respond to questions and concerns about Smith's nine incidents of misconduct, Thornsley said that he will say, "Smith has probably behaved better in prison over the past 30 years than I have in public."

Finally, Thornsley will have something most inmate advocates do not possess, whether they be private legal counsel or volunteers - professional credibility. Thornsley has 19 years of state service with the Department of Corrections, was a member of Governor Ed Rendell's Transition Team in 2003 for both the Department of Corrections and the state Parole Board and currently is the advisory chair to Senate Resolution No. 159.

The resolution is a statewide investigative committee charged by the General Assembly with examining the state's geriatric, seriously ill and life-sentenced inmates.

What in the world

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

World News

KABUL, Afghanistan - A United States military helicopter crashed on April 6 near Ghazni, 80 miles south of Kabul. Fifteen American service members and three civilian contractors are confirmed dead, leaving the death toll at 18. There were no signs of enemy fire and the crash is believed to have been caused by bad weather. The helicopter was returning from a routine mission to the Bagram Air Base.

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Kurdish militia leader, Jalal Talabani, was named President last Wednesday by Iraq's national assembly. Talabani is the first Kurd to become president of an Arab-dominated country. Shortly after being sworn in Thursday morning, he appointed Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite leader, as Iraq's new prime minister. This makes al-Jaafari the first prime minister of a freely elected government in Iraq in 50 years.

LONDON, England - Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles were married Saturday, April 9. The wedding was originally

planned for Friday but was moved so Prince Charles could attend Pope John Paul II's funeral. The couple first met in 1970 but it was not until 1999 that Charles and Camilla made a public appearance as a couple. They are currently honeymooning in Scotland.

LUANDA, Angola - In Angola, the death toll from an outbreak of the Marburg virus rose to 174 on April 8. International health officials have said this is the largest outbreak of this virus on record and shows no signs of slowing down. Seven of the 18 Angolan provinces have reported cases of the virus. Symptoms of the Marburg virus include high fever, diarrhea and vomiting and victims usually die within a week. There is no cure or vaccine for the virus.

National News

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind. - A new arrest was made in the case of Katlyn Collman, a 10-year-old girl who was abducted and killed in January. Police originally believed that she was murdered because she found someone producing methamphetamine. However, last Wednesday, police arrested Anthony Stockelman, a 38-year-old factory worker, for

molesting her. Stockelman was arrested after a DNA test matched him to a sample found on Collman.

HOUSTON, Texas - The launch of the space shuttle Discovery may be delayed a week beyond its scheduled launch date, May 15. NASA is working on the shuttle to avoid a disaster as with the Columbia in Feb. 2003. The Discovery will have to be ready to begin its 12 day mission by June 3. If it is not ready, NASA will have to wait until July.

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - A former maid to Michael Jackson testified Tuesday, April 5 that she once saw Jackson in bed with a young boy. She said Jackson and the boy were naked from the waist up and the woman's own son testified that Jackson had groped him three times. The new boy of concern is not the one that is currently accusing Jackson of molestation.

COLUMBUS, Wis. - A freight train smashed into a minivan on Saturday, April 9, killing all four vehicle passengers. The van was crossing tracks that did not have lights or gates. The train was traveling 60 m.p.h. and pushed the van a mile down the tracks.

News in a Flash: Regional News

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

NORDMONT, Pa. - A fire destroyed the home of a family of five on Sunday afternoon leaving Ronald Carr, his wife Deborah and their three children homeless. The fire broke out at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon while the family was visiting relatives. The fire is currently under investigation however the cause is still unknown.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - Scott Thompson, more widely known as Carrot Top, performed at the Clemens Center for the seventh time on Sunday evening. The performer is always well received in Elmira and over 1,000 people came out for the event. Carrot Top is most well known for his crazy antics in the 1-800-COLLECT commercials he stars in. His act often closely resembles those commercials. Event organizers expect that Carrot Top will make more appearances at the Clemens Center in the future.

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. - Governor George Pataki announced on Friday April 8 that Watkins Glen State Park was placed on the Reserve America's Top 100

Family Campgrounds list. The list is compiled to help families plan trips and help people find the "hidden gems" of America. Out of the 13 parks from New York State Watkins Glen was the only one from the Finger Lakes area. Over 3,000 parks are reviewed for the list.

BATH, N.Y. - The murder trial of Branchport handyman, Shawn M. Campbell, is scheduled to begin June 13 with Steuben County Judge Joseph Latham. Campbell was accused of the murder of Rhonda Bilby in September 2004. He is also expected to make a court appearance in Bath Town Court on charges of third-degree bribery and first-degree attempted promotion of prison contraband.

BIG FLATS, N.Y. - Gary L. Miller, 51, was convicted of manslaughter on April 7 in the February 2004 death of his girlfriend, Diane Gridley. Miller was driving on Route 352 when he pulled over to the side of the road because he and Gridley were arguing. Gridley attempted to re-enter the truck and Miller pulled away. Gridley then fell under the rear wheel and died the next day. Miller faces from four to 15 years in prison.

The Greek Letter: Greek Week

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By EMILEE DANIELSON
Flashlight Writer

There is one week out of the academic year where the members of the Greek community are not only allowed to be, but they are encouraged to be competitive. That week is called Greek Week. For one full week each spring, the eight social fraternities and sororities at Mansfield University come together to compete against each other for the ultimate title of Greek Week champion.

Held during the week of April 4-8, 2005, Greek Week is the one week of the semester where, instead of working together, the fraternities and sororities compete against one another in an array of events. The week's activities runs the gamut of competitiveness from the silly lip sync contest and musical inner tubes, to flag football and soccer, and to the gross belching contest and the car pack.

Each year, Greek Week is planned by a committee comprised of members from each organization. Each fraternity and sorority provide a representative while the Vice President of the Panhellenic Council and the Special of Events Chairman of the Inter-Fraternal Council serve as the chairs of the event. The committee is completed by also involving Jody Hare, the Greek Advisor and the Greek Affairs Graduate Assistant.

Throughout the early part of the semester, the committee met regularly to plan the week by determining the schedule, finalizing locations, finding supplies and selecting a slogan. After the all the preparation was done, the week began with the words of Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Shari Clarke, which was followed by the first day of events.

The headlined slogan "Greek Week: helping social co-eds get

down and dirty since 1857" quickly reignited some old rivalries.

On the sorority side, Zeta Tau Alpha championed the event once again as for the past three years, while Sigma Tau Gamma has held the crown for the past two. While these two groups came into the Greek Week festivities looking to defend their championships, both groups were unseated as new champions were crowned.

At the end of the week, the following awards were given out at the annual picnic:

- 2005 Greek Week Sorority Champions - Alpha Sigma Tau
- 2005 Greek Week Fraternity Champions - Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 2005 Greek Week Female MVP - Breana Hicks, Delta Zeta
- 2005 Greek Week Male MVP - Matthew Brown, Phi Mu Delta
- 2005 Greek Week Spirit Award Winners - Zeta Tau Alpha

Campus Calendar

Today

• 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. In-Vision Jewelry Sale at AHUB patio (also on Friday during the same time)

Friday

• 8 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert in Steadman Theatre
• 10 p.m. : Late Night at Kelchner Fitness Center American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Saturday

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Students overseas? Balancing Mansfield University and the Military

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

As Freshman Tracy Fetterolf schedules her classes for the fall semester, she wonders if she will be able to complete them. It is not that she is worried that her classes will be difficult, it is just that Tracy faces the possibility that she may need to leave.

Tracy is a member of the United States Army National Guard. Working toward a degree in political science, Fetterolf hopes to one day hold a government office. "It's a long term goal, but I do

want to get into the senate," Fetterolf said. But with three and a half years of time remaining with the Army, will completing college present Fetterolf with a challenge?

Although her unit may face deployment this fall, Fetterolf claims that she is not worried about the time she may spend away from school. "I'll probably miss a year if I am deployed," Fetterolf said. "It really doesn't bug me because I love my job."

As an Administrative Specialist with the army, Fetterolf dedicates one weekend per month to the

military. Despite her sometimes-busy lifestyle, Fetterolf is pleased with her decision to join the army. "It's hard at times to be a soldier and a student, but the service to your country makes it worth it in the end."

Freshman Sandy Pardoe has been a member of the United States Navy for over five years. Before beginning her college career, Pardoe spent the last five months of her active duty deployed overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Although Pardoe

she is deployed sometime during her time at Mansfield University. "It would just put my plans on hold," Pardoe said. "They would just stop while I go on active duty and I would just pick them up where I left off."

Pardoe admits that balancing school and the military is sometimes stressful. "It just depends on if you have a paper due Monday and it's already Fridays and you haven't started it yet," Pardoe said. "If it's your drill weekend you have to concentrate on that, you may not have time to do your homework. It just depends on what kind of student you are and how well you manage your time."

While some military students are able to complete school with few interruptions, others find themselves deployed for long periods, and face more difficulties. Brian Baily was a Freshman, elementary education major, when he was deployed to Germany. Currently, Baily is training in Mississippi for his June deployment to Iraq.

Baily's wife, Laura, is a junior at Mansfield University. She sometimes wishes that her husband could have completed his education. "This is something he wanted to do," Laura Baily said.

has already served the required four years of active duty, she has chosen to remain active for the next four years of her service in the reserves.

Because Pardoe has chosen to remain active, the potential that her college career may be interrupted due to deployment exists. "When involved with the active reserves there is always the chance of being recalled," Pardoe said. "They can call you up and give you a ten day to two-week notice. You'll have to drop what you are doing and go."

Pardoe does not feel that her education will be interrupted if

"It's hard at times to be a soldier and a student, but the service to your country makes it worth it in the end."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SANDY PARDOE

Sandy Pardoe served her time as a Petty Officer Second Class in Operation Iraqi Freedom aboard the USS Nimitz.

"I feel like his involvement in the army may be hurting his career."

Some believe that the military lifestyle may affect those at home, as much as it does those overseas. As a newly wed, Laura Baily notes that maintaining relationships with those in the

military is not always easy. "You have to really love that person and be willing to wait for them," Laura Baily said. "It may not quite be the same when they get back, but it's well worth it. Support from family and friends always helps."

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| 1. Before stepping into the future, what was Fry's job? | 4. What is the ultimate drink in the year 3000? | 7. Why was Dr. Zoidberg incarcerated and sentenced to death? | 10. What is Professor Farnsworth's birth date? |
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b. Door to Door Salesman
c. Milk Man
d. Pizza Delivery Boy | a. Snail Juice
b. Robot Fuel
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| 3. Which institute of higher education did Leela, Fry and Bender attend? | 6. What is Fry's real first name? | 9. Who is Fry's best friend? | |
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In the Spotlight Dr. Bob Arnot

By SHAWNA TIGHE
Flashlight Writer

Dr. Bob Arnot will be speaking at the Mansfield University Spring Commencement on May 7.

Arnot is a writer, journalist and health professional. He earned his Bachelors Degree of Medical Science at Dartmouth College in 1972. He later attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada, where he earned his medical degree in 1974.

Arnot is commonly known as a foreign correspondent for NBC. He left that position in December of 2003. Before delivering the news on foreign affairs, Arnot was the chief medical correspondent for NBC's "The Today Show" and "Dateline NBC."

Prior to working for NBC, Arnot was named the correspondent for "CBS Evening News" in 1993. Also during his time at CBS, Arnot operated as a medical reporter for both "CBS Morning News" and CBS "This Morning." He stayed with CBS until he joined NBC in 1996.

According to a piece written on Arnot at www.kivana.com, "He began his medical career as the founder and chief of the Lake

Placid Sports Medical Center, where he not only served as administrator, but also as the physician for the 1977 to 1980 U.S. Ski Team and the 1980 Winter Olympic Games. He continues to be active in this arena, developing computer applications for sports training."

Arnot has also written 10

health related books throughout his career. In

1998, he wrote a best selling book, "The Breast Cancer Prevention Diet." His most recent book was released in January and is titled, "Seven Steps to Stop a Heart Attack."

Currently, Arnot is independently producing his

own work. After filming the coverage, he also edit's his work on a laptop. Arnot's recent work involves an investigative piece on the use of crack in America's streets titled, "48 Hours on Crack Street." This investigative piece earned him a Dupont Award in 1986. He has also earned an Overseas Press Club award for his coverage on the Mozambique flood in 2000.



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Dr. Bob Arnot, a former CBS and NBC correspondent, will be speaking at the Mansfield University Spring Commencement on May 7.

Public Relations students ask: Do you have "The Perfect Song?"

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Dennis Miller, Public Relations Director at Mansfield University, and five Public Relations students held a song-writing and poetry writing contest on Saturday, Apr. 9.

According to Miller, the goal of this PR Workshop group was to promote his book titled, "The Perfect Song." The group asked for original submissions that related to the book.

The ultimate goal of the contest was to promote the book's cause. Miller hopes to arrange a scholarship for creative students. "The overall goal was, number one, to promote the book and to make enough for the book so I could arrange a scholarship for students who want to be poets or writers, etc," Miller said. "All of the profits from the book will go directly towards the scholarship fund."

The contest was judged on originality, emotional impact and relationship to the novel. Three cash awards were given to the winners: \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. "They were all very good submissions," Miller said. "I was really impressed. The poems and songs were very, very good."

"The Perfect Song" is about a writer named Mendel who spends his life walking across the country trying to write the perfect song. Poul, a man insistent on becoming rich, follows Mendel and picks up the works

that Mendel throws away. Finally, publisher J.W. Beasely turns the writings into music and makes them famous. As a result, Mendel becomes the most famous writer on earth, but never knows it. This creates a battle between the three men, until Mendel realizes that no one can stop him from creating the perfect song, except himself.

"It's a novel about creativity, society, reality and the pursuit of one's dream," Miller said. "Two of the most important things to me are creative expression and education. This really combined the two of those."

Miller started working on the novel in 1979. Since its publication in June of 2004, several people have become fans of the book, including students and professors on the Mansfield University campus.

"The novel is an incredible insight into our modern society, how music can affect and change the world and how expertise in marketing can create demand and spiritual satisfaction within our culture," Dr. Kenneth Sarch said.

"The Perfect Song" is available in the campus bookstore, at Miller's website www.perfectsong.net and on Amazon.com.

"The purpose [of the contest] was to have a venue for creative people," Miller said. "I feel it was very well served. In fact, several people have approached me about holding the contest again next year. We're looking at that possibility."



PHOTO BY JOSEPH KING

Six students participated in "The Perfect Song" competition. From left: Laura Singer, Dina Conigliaro, Mike Lengel, Chris Murphy, Elohiem and Joe Miller.

Palpitation

By Dina Conigliaro

I'm liberated
Anticipated
I'm gray,
You say
How is today?
The weather may,
But I can't say

I'm palpitating
Commiserating
Sweating,
And creaking,
And seeking,
And fretting,
Forgetting...Again

I'm exasperation
More cancellation
There's more frustration
And ghosts,
The spirits
You hear them,
Don't fear them

Baby, maybe
Maybe I can feel this thunder
Crashing on the world down under
Blunder;
Blending me alive
And so I take the dive
I've arrived,
Again

More of this
This palpitation
Pure frustration,
With destruction
I prepare
But unaware
Do I dare?

Is it real,
This ginger feel?
Aghast, Afloat,
I've got your goat
I love that sound
That's dancing 'round...


And so they say
I've "crossed the line"
That line in time that can't define
All that's happened true and tried,
So pride will hide what's deep inside
The blood of thieves is thus alive
No redemption will sanctify
All that's taken
Or mistaken
Misle, misjudged, misfeared to you
Perhaps they are displeased with you.
Or fair to say
That I returned
All that you
Had simply burned

I'm withering
Still Flowering
Overpowering,
Driven and insane
I'm driven through the rain
Through the pain

This perfect song,
It can't be wrong...

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I'm doing it again...

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The latest in downloading: sharing or stealing?

By TRAVIS CORTER
Flashlight Writer

Did your mother ever tell you not to share?

That is what the entertainment industry continues to tell people. The latest case brought against file-sharing networks made it to the Supreme Court. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is representing the entertainment industry in a case against file-sharing websites Grokster and StreamCast Networks. The Supreme Court heard opening arguments Tuesday, March 29. MGM hopes to end illegal downloading of copyrighted music and movies via the Internet.

Lawyer Donald Verilli represents MGM. Verilli reported people download over 2.6 billion digital files of copyrighted music and film each month. Verilli says Grokster and StreamCast violated copyright laws and must pay the fine.

While this is clear, Grokster and StreamCast claim they are not responsible for their members' copyright violations. This is because the peer-to-peer sharing that takes place through their software means computers are connecting directly to each other; no

intermediary is needed. Grokster and StreamCast say much of their software has legal uses.

Justice Antonin Scalia said the result of the case could stop new software and innovations from reaching the Internet.

The IFPI is an organization that protects copyrighted music and reports on statistics of the music industry each year. According to IFPI, the music industry has been witnessing a steady decline in record sales since 2001. In 2004, sales dropped by 1.3 percent. The industry says file sharing is the reason for the losses in revenue.

This is not the first time the entertainment industry has taken someone to the Supreme Court over copyright infringement issues.

In 1984, Universal Studios and Disney sued Sony because of Sony's invention of the Betamax Home VCR. Universal Studios and Disney requested

the VCR be banned. Universal and Disney argued the VCR could be used to copy film and television shows illegally. The Supreme Court decided Sony was innocent because the VCR had many legal uses.

This "Betamax Precedent" means companies that develop software whose only use is to violate copyright laws will be fined. If Grokster's and StreamCast's software has legal uses, the companies will not be fined.

Today nearly 8,000 people have been charged with illegally downloading copyrighted music.

Last year at Mansfield, students were charged with illegally downloading music from file-sharing website Kazaa.

In early 2004, sharing of copyrighted files decreased largely. Online surveys show more people are cautious about file sharing. According to www.economist.com, however, the number of shared files has increased over the past few months.

"Last year, 6.2 million people shared files online. Now, that number has risen to 8.6 billion."



PHOTO BY BRITTANY BALLESTEDT

Despite the recent charges brought about by the entertainment industry, downloading music and other types of file sharing continues to be a popular trend.

Last year, 6.2 million people shared files online. Now, that number has risen to 8.6 million.

Apple's iTunes sells songs on the Internet for no more than 99 cents per song. This keeps iTunes out of legal trouble. A website called RealNetworks charged only forty-nine cents per song in 2004. People downloaded over three million songs from RealNetworks in three weeks.

Rob Glaser is the chief executive of RealNetworks. According to Glaser, the best way to guarantee a large, legal online music market is to use a tiered pricing method. Glaser thinks new songs will cost more than songs that have been available for a longer time.

No matter the stance one takes on file-sharing, one thing remains certain: Downloading copyrighted material without paying for it is still illegal.

Word on the street: Should file sharing be legalized?



Name: Mandy Huber
Year: Sophomore
Stance: Yes
Why: "I think file sharing should be legal because it is ridiculous to have to pay for all of that music."



Name: Erick Murtland
Year: Freshman
Stance: No
Why: "File sharing is okay if you pay for it. If you don't, you are ripping off the artist, and that is stealing."



Name: Shane Wilber
Year: Senior
Stance: Yes
Why: "File sharing should be legal because you have quicker access to music and you don't have to pay for it."



Name: Megan Kerr
Year: Sophomore
Stance: Probably not
Why: "In a way, I see it as stealing the music from the artist, but file sharing is something that I use."



Name: Lydia Johnson
Year: Sophomore
Stance: Yes
Why: "I think a lot of people use file sharing to determine whether or not they want to buy the Album."

Geocaching: the latest alternative activity of summer

By ERIC MOWERY

Flashlight Writer

Spring looks like it has officially "sprung" this year, which means summer is not too far behind. People are starting to come out of their dorm rooms after what seemed like a winter that would never end. No doubt that within the coming months cookouts, concerts, sporting events and swimming will probably be on the agenda.

Many college students will, without a doubt, seek out the beach as a summer refuse. Summer may also be a time when many people fall into a slump because they are not doing the fun and exciting things mentioned earlier or cannot afford to do these things. If this is the case, Geocaching may be the answer you are looking for.

It may sound like a funny or made-up word, but it is a real hobby that has gained popularity over the last five years. Geocaching requires a love for

the outdoors or scavenger hunts. It is a sport that can be accompanied by a small device called a Global Positioning System, but the activity is possible to do without the GPS.

A GPS locator is helpful and useful for many different things besides Geocaching, but it can be quite expensive. Like most college students at this point, the GPS locator is probably not something that anyone can just go out and buy. Although, thanks to an increased interest in the hobby, the prices for the GPS locator have gone down considerably in the past couple of years.

Geocaching began in the 2000, when Dave Ulmer decided to hide a small bucket of trinkets in the woods outside of Portland, Ore. Dave announced its location on a newsgroup website a couple of days later by posting the coordinates to where his treasure was hidden. When others viewed the post, they could type in the coordinates on their GPS unit and track down where

Ulmer hid his bucket or could obtain a topography map of the area. Ulmer's announcement started the Geocaching craze and with it, he laid out guidelines for others to follow when they found the prize: the rules of taking something, leaving something, and signing the logbook.

Geocaching is set up as follows. The first step to locating a cache that someone else has hidden means going to a website to get some coordinates. One of the best places to go is www.geocaching.com, where you can just type in a zip code and everything within a certain radius will come up. After selecting one that looks appealing, check the page for it and obtain the coordinates. Once this is done, it is just a matter of transportation to the cache. Punching in the coordinates on a GPS will give a better sense of direction as to where to go, but if the topography map is all you have to work with, then the clues and directions on the cache page will probably be more helpful.

If you are interested in hiding a new geocache in your area, you can also do so on www.geocaching.com. Before doing so, be sure that you obtain permission from the landowner or land manager.

Geocaching also requires some patience as it can be frustrating at times. People who get into it often make the misconception that as soon as the GPS reads "Arriving at Destination," the cache will just pop up out of nowhere or that once they get to the certain spot, it will just be laying there.



PHOTO FROM WWW.YAHOO.COM
GPS devices like the one above are not always needed for geocaching.



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The Northern Tier holds some of the most scenic locations for this hobby. Check out www.geocaching.com for locations.

Part of the fun of geocaching is the search that comes with it. As frustrating as it may get, if one continues to search for something that seems impossible to find, the feelings of accomplishment once the cache is found will most certainly erase any anger that may accompany this trek to find a modern day buried treasure.

Geocaching can be fun to do with friends. It seems to be more enjoyable when working together as a team. It also can be quite exciting to register your team name and discoveries on www.geocaching.com.

If this sport seems like something you might like to check out, remember one thing before heading out; bring something to swap for an item in the cache. Also, it will be helpful to print out the page the coordinates are from. Above all else, be sure to wear a lot of bug repellent. Geocaching equals outdoors which, unfortunately, equals the biggest pest of the summer: mosquitoes.

The next time you get ready to head down to the park for a picnic this summer, make sure you check to see if there are any caches there as well. It's a fun, addicting hobby that gets you outdoors, off your seat and seeing your environment in ways that you may have not seen before.

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Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By **MICHAEL PETERS**
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I would like to see everyone bow down to an Indiana man. Perhaps I should specify that statement.

Let us praise Indiana's finest; Mark Carmichael. He was recently dubbed the "Village Idiot" of Story Ind. Now, this award does not come easily. Carmichael spent many nights afraid to come out of his house for fear of his neighborhood pointing, laughing and worst of all, waiting for him to make another "Idiot"-sized blunder.

What exactly did Carmichael do you ask? Nothing out of the ordinary. According to CNN, Carmichael "Won in part for an incident in which he cut through a live wire while using a circular saw to replace the inn's galvanized steel roof. But he also damaged his just-purchased 1998 Dodge truck, the day after he got it."

Bravo Carmichael. Bravo.

The "Village Idiot" is selected by regular Story Inn Saloon patrons. The years' recipient receives a \$100 bar tab at the Saloon.

We are all "Village Idiots" at some point, why not have a laugh at life?

This is a marvelous idea. All too often in this world, people are afraid of making mistakes purely on the basis of ridicule and public embarrassment. I am the same way. I do not believe anyone wakes up in the morning and thinks, "I wonder what I could do to humiliate myself today." Regardless of our thought process, most of us do humiliate ourselves on a daily basis whether in thought, speech or action. Rather than feel ashamed of ourselves for our honest mistakes, we should laugh them off, because accidents happen.

One of my favorite accidents I have been privy to, happened between two of my favorite people, Chris "Lunchbox" Singleton and "Fat" Mike Shelp. The two are both accident-prone individuals. Every time the three of us get together, I look for their mistakes. I expect them. However, I did not on this occasion. Not to this level of hilarity.

At 1 a.m., these two gentlemen escorted me to Wal-Mart to buy a card table for my dorm room.

After purchasing the table, it needed to be stored in the back seat of a Hybrid Civic, which is not the roomiest of cars. And my two friends, well, they value their space. Unfortunately for Lunchbox, he was awarded the back seat on the way home by virtue of the "shotgun" call for the front seat.

Instead of going straight home, the boys wanted to stop at a gas station for ice cream. They needed their nourishment for the four-minute trip. What I did not know, was that this seemingly routine late night trip was anything but routine.

"Fat" Mike and I were paying for our ice cream when we noticed "Lunchbox" outside of the store waiting to make the "shotgun" call. The not-so-small "Box," was obstructing the open door. "Fat" Mike panicked and lunged into the closed door, finding that not even he, the massive force he is, could break through the door and beat "Box" to the call.

The cashier uttered only these words, "That door, is locked."

The three of us, believe it or not, incredibly sober, could do nothing

but laugh; especially "Fat" Mike. He was able to see the humor in his obvious embarrassment.

"Lunchbox" and I laughed not only because we saw one of our best friends meet his match in a locked door, but because of the situation. It was now 2 a.m., we were at a gas station for the sole purpose of getting fatter and a 68-year-old cashier has just seen a 23-year-old slightly obese sober Wal-Mart employee hit the floor due to a five-foot sprint.

Had this been done in the Story Inn Saloon, my dear friend may have grabbed the award. Knowing "Fat" Mike, he would hoist it with all the glory he could grasp.

We have all had moments in our lives somewhat similar to Carmichael or "Fat" Mike. It is unfortunate that we all cannot be rewarded for our miscues.

Everything in life can be funny when the right spin or outlook is placed on the subject or situation.

What is life without laughter? I do not know and I hope I never find out.

I urge everyone to laugh off life's problems, because life is funny.

PA-SWAT Scholarships Available for Fall 2005/Spring 2006

A study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health surveyed 393 health center directors from 4-year higher education institutions. Eighty-five percent of the directors believed that smoking among college students was a serious problem. Only 27 percent of the colleges, however, ban smoking in all indoor facilities and more than 40 percent of these colleges do not offer smoking cessation programs for students.

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Commentary:**By a show of hands, who is sick of Michael Jackson?**

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

I promised myself I would not write about the Michael Jackson trial. As a rule I try to avoid the sexy topic of the week, month, or century for lack of anything new to say about it. This is why I refused to go near the Terri Schiavo case, with the unrelenting media coverage that is given to these major topics, anything I might have to say that could be mildly interesting or original would simply be lost in the wash of talking heads on television blathering on incessantly. Thus, I tried to avoid talking about the Michael Jackson trial because of the mob mentality that afflicts journalism these days; there is something to be said for a diversity of coverage.

Having said this, I should preface what I am about to say by saying that I do not pay much attention to celebrity trials. It has always seemed to me that fame and the justice system have an interesting rela-

tionship. Something seems unfair that the richest afford the best attorney, in teams no less, and frequently get away with crimes that they likely committed or worse, getting weak punishments simply because of their mass appeal and their ability to afford massive representation.

Yet this is only a digression from my talking point. In recent weeks of testimony it has come out that various people including a security guard, a housekeeper and a cook have all stated that they had seen various incidents of molestation at the hands of Michael Jackson. Apparently these incidents include Jackson performing oral sex, showing with young boys and even groping Macaulay Culkin. It is important to note that some of these witnesses have been discredited by the defense as the security guard was soon fired from his position at the "Neverland Ranch."

Perhaps the better question the defense should be asking is this: Why didn't any of

these witnesses report these events to any sort of authority?

Obviously this question raises some serious doubt about the credibility of the prosecution's witnesses, but let us assume for a moment that this is all true and that Jackson actually is guilty of these crimes. If this is the case, it seems that these people should be charged with obstruction of justice or being accessories to a crime. To be fair, it may be possibly that these people did speak up and it spurred the investigation, but the molestation of Macaulay Culkin, by the account of the housekeeper, happened in the early 1990s. This clearly is problematic for the prosecution and may even point to Jackson's innocence.

However this is a larger, vastly more important point to consider. While I do realize that only a few segmented groups of people are legally obligated to report incidents of abuse and the list, which includes doctors and teachers, does not include

security officers and cooks. Morally speaking, I believe that everyone ought to be obligated to report abuse. These people, mandatory reporters, are often the only way abuse is detected, reported and resolved. Yet, many times, the abuse has been noticed or witnessed by neighbors, relatives or others in the past who have, for whatever reason, neglected to inform the proper authorities as to what is going on. The reasoning for not reporting often comes out of some sort of personal interest or fear of retaliation from the perpetrator of the abuse.

There is a line that needs to be drawn between personal interest and the interests of those who cannot defend themselves. It is wrong for a child to be subjected to continuing physical or sexual abuse simply because those who witness it are afraid to speak up or feel that it is not their business. Sometimes the law has yet to catch up to what is morally just and not being obligated legally to speak up

about abuse does not necessarily mean that it is not immoral to allow it to continue.

Frequently, people who were physically or sexually abused go on to victimize others in their adulthood. Thus, if a person reports and puts a stop to child abuse, it is very likely that they might have stopped a chain reaction of events from occurring as the person being abused might go on in the future to abuse others who might go on to abuse even more people. Conversely, if you allow one child to continue to be abused, you are creating the potential for many more children to be abused in the future. You are personally responsible for what happens as a result of the abuse you allow to continue. This is not a manner of being a Good Samaritan or putting yourself at risk for somebody who put themselves in a negative situation, by knowingly allowing the abuse to continue you are no better than the assailant. So please, if you are aware of a child being abused, say something. It is your responsibility.

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NFL Draft: Stars of offense

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Sports Writer

As the days wind down, the National Football League Draft gets ready to take place. I am sure that most sports fans would like some burning questions answered. Who will the San Francisco 49ers take for the No. 1 overall pick? What teams are looking to trade down for offense? Who are the hidden stars on the offensive side of the ball?

Throughout most of the off-season, collegiate football players Aaron Rodgers, Alex Smith, Ronnie Brown, Cedric Benson, Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and many others have been preparing to showcase their skills and prove that they are each individually worthy of being sought after as the No. 1 overall pick.

When April 23 rolls around, the 49ers will choose Rodgers who was quarterback at the University of California. The 49ers are looking to rebuild and have had good opportunities to scout Rodgers during his college career. Rodgers would give the 49ers a quarterback with good mechanics, a strong arm and pin-point accuracy.

Brown, a running back from the University of Auburn, should be drafted no lower than No. 2 overall. The Miami Dolphins are in control of the No. 2 pick and are in desperate need of a running back that they can depend on for the future.



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Aaron Rodgers could be the cream of a limited quarterback crop in the NFL Draft.

to be headed to Tampa Bay as the No. 5 overall pick. Williams and Brown made up one of the best backfield tandems on offense that college football has ever seen. Williams impressed Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach, John Gruden, who served as the head coach for the Senior Bowl team that Williams played on. The Buccaneers are in need of rejuvenating their running game and Williams would definitely be a nice fit into the Gruden style of offense.

Benson is a mystery to me. He was a four-year starter and rushed for 1,000 yards in all four seasons while playing at the University of Texas. However, with Brown and Williams getting all the attention in the off-season workouts, I have no clue where Benson would be a good fit. Benson could be drafted as early as No. 2 to the Dolphins, should they choose him over Brown. Benson could also be drafted at No. 4 by the Chicago Bears who need to add a lot of pieces to their offensive puzzle. If Benson does not make the top 10, he may go as low as the No. 13 pick. The No. 13 pick is owned by the Houston Texans. Houston is a team that is really lost for a running game and could use the services of Benson.

Other notables on offense include Mike Williams, Troy Williamson and Mark Clayton. These three are probably the most sought after wide receivers in the upcoming NFL Draft.

Williams, a former standout at the University of Southern California, has really impressed scouts this off-season. His stock is rising day after day as to how high he could go in the draft.

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Mike Williams had to sit out of football in 2004 but has made himself a top pick in 2005 in off-season workouts.

I expect Smith, quarterback from the University of Utah, to go at No. 3. Smith has all the credentials of Rodgers, but with Rodgers being from California he gets the nod as the No. 1 pick. Cleveland needs a quarterback and Smith could be their blessing in disguise. The Browns will show a great interest in Smith. The team lost back-up quarterback Kelly Holcomb to the Buffalo Bills via free agency.

Williams, another talented running back from the University of Auburn, looks

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He could be taken at No. 4 by the Bears, No. 6 by the Tennessee Titans because they need to replace Derrick Mason who left via free agency or at No. 7 by the Minnesota Vikings who need a replacement for Randy Moss after trading him to the Oakland Raiders.

Williamson, from the University of South Carolina, is possibly the fastest wide receiver in this draft. Williamson is a deep threat wide receiver that would fit nicely in the offensive system of either Tennessee or Minnesota.

Finally, Clayton is another strong player that many teams could use. At the University of Oklahoma, Clayton was the No. 1 target for quarterback Jason White. He possesses good speed and is a receiver that is not afraid to go over the middle running a post route. If I were a betting man, I would place my bet on Clayton being drafted by the Washington Redskins at No. 9.

The Redskins had a miserable off-season. The team lost Laveranues Coles at wide receiver in a trade with the New York Jets and cornerback Fred Smoot to free agency to the Minnesota Vikings. Losing star players has left this organization in disarray. Drafting Clayton would help a depleted receiving corps and give quarterback Patrick Ramsey another deep threat in the lineup.

If the fans are looking to see which teams may trade their first round pick, I will give you my take on who might do this in order to accumulate more choices later on.

Chicago could be a major player in the draft day trading



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Ronnie Brown was No. 2 on the depth chart at Auburn and could be No. 2 off the board on draft day.

game as they are sitting with the No. 4 pick and need to acquire a lot of talent. Seeing them trade down would not be surprising at all. However, as I said earlier, it would not surprise me to see them take Williams.

The Dallas Cowboys have two first round picks and could trade one of them in order to acquire picks later on as well. Owner Jerry Jones has already made it public knowledge that he is looking for some potential trade partners on draft day.

Other draft day traders could include the Detroit Lions, San Diego Chargers and the Philadelphia Eagles. I could see the Eagles making a big trade to move up from their No. 31 pick in the first round. Coach Andy Reid is never afraid to trade and move up and get a quality player in the first round.

Tiger is the master of golf

By JOSH WARNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Slump? What slump? Tiger Woods showed everyone who was watching the Masters this past Sunday that he is still the man to beat in golf.

Woods won this year's Masters in dramatic fashion with his victory on the first hole against Chris DiMarco. Tiger claimed his fourth green jacket in nine tries at the Masters and won his ninth Major, tying him with Ben Hogan and Gary Player.

Now that he has finally won a Major title, his first since 2002, where does Tiger Woods stand in golf history?

Many people have been comparing Woods to the all-time golfers since joining the tour in 1997. In that time, he has won four Masters, two British Opens, two U.S. Opens and one Professional Golf Association Championship.

Woods has always judged himself on how well he does based on how many Majors he wins in that year. Going by those means, he has been in a slump since winning the Masters in 2002.

With Woods going winless in the Major tournaments, yet remaining competitive in all other events, some fans were wondering if they had seen the last of the dominance of Woods.

Entering this year, some people began to see something different in Woods, something that they have not seen since the 2002. Woods began the year by winning the Buick Championship, posting a 16 under par. He then won the Ford Championship by shooting a 24 under par. After finishing 23rd and 53rd in the last two tournaments, he limped through the first round by shooting a 74, two over par.

The doubt began to appear again. Woods was not living up to expectations of winning another Major. Unlike other times, Woods was focused. After being down four strokes at one point, Woods roared back, playing like his old self.

By the end of the third round, Woods held a three shot lead over DiMarco going into the fourth round. As these two men battled back and fourth, the whole sporting world stopped and watched. On the 16th hole, Woods made an

improbable chip shot to birdie the hole that words cannot explain.

This did not discourage DiMarco, who was able to battle back and tie it up after 72 holes, forcing the 13th playoff in the history of the Masters. On the first playoff hole, Woods hit a 15-foot birdie shot to win his fourth Masters in his young career.

At 29-years-old, he has accomplished more than other golfers dream of doing when entering the Professional Golfers' Association. Now what is next for Woods?

If you ask Woods, it is time for him to prepare for the next Major championship, the U.S. Open held June 16 through 19.

Retief Goosen is the defending champion when he returns to the Pinehurst Resort, but he will be looking over his back with Woods regaining momentum. Ask any golfer who would be the favorite coming into this tournament and they will more likely say Woods.

Woods will demand respect from his peers once again as a result of his Masters victory. We have not seen this kind of fear on the PGA Tour since Jack Nicklaus, also known as the "Golden Bear," ran the PGA Tour as his personal playground. It was only fitting that Woods won the Masters the same year that the "Golden Bear" played his last Masters tournament.

With the departure of Nicklaus, many people are beginning to ask, "Who is the greatest golfer of all time?" This is a hard question to answer due to the youth of Woods compared to the success Nicklaus has seen throughout his career. If you look at his perspective, Woods makes a strong argument for being the best ever to play the game.

Nicklaus won six majors throughout his career. Woods has already won four and looks as though he will surpass the number that the "Golden Bear" has set. The other number that people are looking at is 18, the total amount of Majors that Nicklaus has won over his illustrious career. Woods is halfway there, finally winning his ninth Major. He is well on his way to passing Nicklaus' record. Before hitting 30 years of age, Nicklaus only won seven Major Championships. Nicklaus was able to play consistently into his late 40s



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Tiger Woods equaled the best first round comeback in Masters history on Sunday by defeating Chris DiMarco.

which is proved by his last Major championship, which happened to be the Masters, at 46-years-old. If Woods plays until he hits 46, when Nicklaus won his last Major, he would have 67 more tries (including the other three majors this year), to win just nine more majors to merely tie with Nicklaus.

If Woods keeps playing the way he has played throughout his career up to this point, he should win at least 20 Major titles. However, he has to battle the likes of Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh and other competitors in the PGA.

However you look at it, you cannot deny that Woods is back with a vengeance. With his third victory of the year under his belt, who knows how many more he will win this year? With Woods looking forward to the next tournament, the rest of the PGA is looking back to the good old days when Woods was in the "slump," and when it was a level playing field for them, knowing they were competing against each other and not for second place. But who knows? Woods did not win it in a blowout as he has done in the past. This does not matter to the rest of the PGA, because they know whenever they walk onto a golf course, they will keep their eyes open for any "Tigers" on the prowl.

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NCAA strips Hillson of 600th win and players of statistics for seven games

MANSFIELD - Last Friday was a big day for Harry Hillson's Mansfield University baseball team. His defending Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Champion baseball team was in sole possession of first place in the PSAC East and heading to East Stroudsburg University for the first two games of a key four-game series with the Warriors.

Although he was reluctant to admit it, it was also a big day for Hillson. One more win would be his career 600th, making him the fastest coach in Pennsylvania collegiate baseball history to reach the 600 win milestone.

East Stroudsburg delayed the celebration by winning the opener on a two-hit 1-0 shutout. However, the Mountaineer came back to capture game two with a 5-0 two-hitter of their own to give Hillson the milestone.

On Monday, Hillson and the Mountaineers faced an opponent nobody has beaten and they are guaranteed to lose five games. The PSAC, of which Mansfield University is a charter member, was notified Monday afternoon by the National Collegiate Athletic Association that they will not count seven contests the Mountaineers played earlier this season in Florida as regulation games.

In fact, the NCAA, in one of the most sweeping in-season rulings in history, will eliminate hundreds of already played games from schools all across the country. The move will render null and void wins and losses and individual player statistics for hundreds of student-athletes.

The reason for this drastic action? Illegal players? Illegal substances? Illegal payments to players? Scheduling non-NCAA schools? None of the aforementioned.

It seems the NCAA has decided to enforce a rule that has not been followed for the past 25 years concerning playing two different opponents on the same day in seven inning games. They made the decision to enforce the rule after games had been scheduled and played.

According to a memo from the NCAA that was mailed on March 16 to Conference Administrators, umpire coordinators, head coaches and sports information directors from Chris McKnight, Chairman of the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, the NCAA was writing to reinforce the proper rules relating to regulation games and doubleheaders.

Rule 5-7 (doubleheader) and 5-8 (regulation game) of the 2005 Baseball Rules Book doubleheaders

must be between the same two teams with no more than 30 minutes between games and be for seven or more innings.

The definition of doubleheader was added to the rule book this year. It did not appear in the 2004 rule book and was not announced as a change in 2005.

It states that games must be: 1) Scheduled contests between the same two teams; 2) Second game of a doubleheader must begin no more than 30 minutes after the first game; 3) Doubleheaders may be scheduled as two nine-inning games, a seven and a nine or two seven-inning games.

For more than the last 25 years, Mansfield and most other Northern teams have traveled to Florida during spring break to play as many other teams from all over the country as possible. Because of scheduling difficulties and limited facilities, this often means playing one team at 9 a.m. and a different team at 2 p.m. in what was considered a doubleheader by those teams.

According to the interpretation of the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, doubleheaders may be seven inning games, but single games must be nine innings to count as regulation.

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Mountaineer softball drops in PSAC East after a 1-5 week

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer
The Mansfield University softball team struggled through a 1-5 week that dropped their overall record to 18-9-1 on the season and 5-8-1 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East.

The week started with an April 6 doubleheader at home against Bloomsburg University. The Huskies came to town with a 24-2 record and a 5-1 mark in the league. Game one was a battle between two pitchers at the top of their respective games.

Alison Tagliaferri of Mansfield and Amanda Smith of Bloomsburg shut down their opponent's offensive attacks until the Mansfield half of the sixth inning.

After Smith got the first two outs, Alexis Drebitko doubled. With a walk by Kris Kelly, Nancy Quinn broke the deadlock with a single just over the outstretched glove of Bloomsburg shortstop Amanda Breon to score Drebitko with the go-ahead run. The next batter, Tagliaferri, gave Mansfield some breathing room with a three-run home run to left field to make the score 4-0.

The spotlight then shifted to Tagliaferri and the no-hitter she had into the seventh inning. Bloomsburg broke up the no-hitter and scored a run before falling to the Mountaineers, 4-1. Tagliaferri got the complete game victory.

Game two featured more dominant pitching Mansfield's Kristen Dean and Bloomsburg's Jaime Wilson engaged in a pitcher's duel. Bloomsburg came through in the second game, scoring two runs in the top of the seventh. Wilson finished Mansfield off for a perfect game, leading Bloomsburg to a 2-0 triumph.

Mansfield next hit the road



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Alison Tagliaferri was named 1st Team All-PSAC East for the third straight season in 2004. She went 8-5 on the mound with a 1.65 ERA, struck out 90 batters, had a .446 batting average with 33 RBIs, seven doubles and 45 hits.

on Saturday for a doubleheader at Bloomsburg. The Huskies' bats got on track in game one, putting 10 on the board en route to a 10-0 win. Game two was a far more competitive contest as the two teams entered the bottom of the sixth, tied at 1. Bloomsburg erupted for three in that inning to take game two from the Mountaineers, 4-1.

Mansfield returned home the next day to host Kutztown University for two games at Lutes Field. Game one was a tight battle that went into extra innings. In the top half of the ninth, Kutztown broke through with five runs to defeat Mansfield, 7-3. The second game was similarly close, but a single run by the Golden Bears in the fifth inning was the difference in Mansfield's 4-3 defeat.

Mansfield has some big games coming up in the next week including a home doubleheader tomorrow against the nationally ranked Shippensburg University Red Raiders.

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'NCAA'

In March, before the letter was sent out, Mansfield played six games in three days against six different opponents. All those games, along with a single seven inning game played the morning they left Ft. Myers, will disappear.

For Mansfield, not only will Hillson and the Mountaineers lose five wins, but individual players will lose all statistics in those seven games. Senior D.J. Hoshauer is currently third in the nation in NCAA Division II in home runs with 11 and will lose three home runs.

Senior pitcher Kane Stein will go from 4-0 to 2-0 on the season and Horsehead's Nate Jones will be stripped of his only win this year.

The NCAA has given schools

until Monday, April 11 to report which games will be eliminated. All Mansfield wins and statistics through Sunday will count until the seven games are removed on Monday.

For Harry Hillson, it will be like Phil Connors - Bill Murray's character in the 1993 hit movie *Groundhog Day* - who wakes up each morning and repeats the same day. With at least 17 regular season games remaining, odds are he will get his 600th for a second time this year.

But for the Mountaineer baseball players and players across the country who sacrificed and paid to go to Florida to play baseball, there will be no make-ups. Their stats and those games will be lost forever and that is almost a criminal offense.



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Mansfield showcases talent in first outdoor track meet

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Outdoor Track and Field team opened their 2005 season at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West meet on Saturday, April 9 at Clarion University. The first place performance of Charity Learn set the pace for the Mountaineers.

Learn obliterated the field in the 3,000-meter race and in the process destroyed the previous school record as well. The junior finished six seconds ahead of her nearest competitor and shattered the school record in the event by a stunning 19 seconds. Track and Field Head Coach Michael Rohl had the highest of praise in talking about Learn.

"Charity is probably the greatest athlete in Mansfield University history," Rohl said. Learn was the not the only athlete for Mansfield breaking school records at Clarion.

The 4 x 400 relay team of Amanda Fedish, Stephanie Cadwell, Katrina Brumfield and Marisa Lucero posted a school record mark of 4:10.29. The 4 x 100 relay team with the same four individuals also set a new school record with a time of 51.22.

Meghan Kerr tied her own

school record in the pole vault with a height of 9'6." Brumfield also came close to breaking a school record in the high jump. Her leap of 5'3" came up just short of the school record mark of 5'3.25." The Mansfield women finished fifth overall out of seven teams.

Chris Cummings produced a big day on the men's side. Cummings provided two second place finishes. The sophomore ran second in the 800 meters and then finished as the runner up in the 1,500 meters as well. Keith Drummond posted a second place result in the 400 meters with a time of 50.95. Their efforts helped the Mansfield men place second in the meet.

Rohl was happy with his team's performance in the first meet of the outdoor track season. "I was pleased with how the kids ran," Rohl said. "We've been pushing them very hard in practices and they came out and responded well in the meet."

Mansfield has two separate meets scheduled for the upcoming weekend. The Bucknell Distance Carnival will take place on Friday, April 15 at Bucknell and the High School Invitational will be held Saturday, April 16 at Mansfield.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Marisa Lucero was a strong leg of the 4 x 400 relay team which posted a new school record at Saturday's meet.

Mountaineers leading hitter named PSAC East Player of the Week

Mansfield - Eric Baker (Apalachin, N.Y. /Owego) has been selected the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Player of the Week for his outstanding performance in the week ending April 10.

Baker helped the Mountaineers to a 5-1 mark during the week, including a two-game sweep of Bloomsburg University and a 3-1 advantage over East Stroudsburg University. In 21 at-bats he rapped out 12 hits (.571) including two doubles and two home runs. He also drove in 11 runs during the week and scored 11 times. He went 7-7 with eight RBIs in the Mountaineers

sweep of Bloomsburg.

In 28 games this season, Baker is batting .484 with 45 hits including 12 doubles and six home runs. He has driven in 36 RBIs while scoring 41 times. He is currently on an 11-game hitting streak.

This is the second time this season Baker has received this honor.

This marks the third time a Mountaineer has earned PSAC East Player of the Week this season. The other Mountaineer to receive this honor was D.J. Hoshauer.

Mansfield is currently 17-11 overall and are tied for first place in the PSAC East with West Chester holding a 7-1 mark.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Eric Baker was first team PSAC and North Atlantic all Region last season. In 2004, Baker led his team in batting with a .418 average.



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Mountaineers pick up four victories in six attempts

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The Mansfield University Mountaineer pitching staff silenced the East Stroudsburg University bats on their way to taking three of four from the Warriors over the weekend.

Warrior starting pitcher Dave Boyle (4-1) led East Stroudsburg to a 1-0 victory as he out dueled Nick Grove (3-3) of the Mountaineers on Friday at East Stroudsburg University. Both pitchers threw complete games in the contest and stifled batter after batter, limiting the two teams to seven combined hits, two of which were from Mansfield bats.

The lone run was scored in the East Stroudsburg second inning on a bases loaded double play off the bat of Kevin Thompson, scoring Dave Shell.

The two Mansfield hits were singles from second baseman Eric Baker and third baseman Stuart Sumner.

With the loss, the Mountaineers fell to an 8-8 record.

Mansfield would avenge their game one loss with a 5-0 victory in the second meeting of the Mountaineers and the Warriors on the strength of a complete game shutout by Adam Lorson.

Lorson shut down the opposition, pitching seven innings of two-hit baseball while striking

out seven hitters.

The Mountaineers managed only five hits in the game; however, manufacturing runs was the Mansfield forte.

Shortstop Travis Wurster, who reached base on a fielder's choice, came around to score on an RBI single from right fielder J.D. Farina to give the Mountaineers an early lead, 1-0.

Mansfield tacked on another run in the third on a sacrifice fly out off the bat of designated hitter Colby Rickabaugh, scoring Baker from third.

The score stood at 2-0 until the top of the sixth inning when Baker and catcher Kevin Rollins connected with RBI singles to move their lead to 4-0.

Wurster scored the fifth Mountaineer run on a Farina fielder's choice.

The Mountaineers moved to 9-8 overall and 5-1 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East division.

The two teams met again on Saturday at Shaute Field in Mansfield. The Mountaineer bats came alive in the first game of the doubleheader as they scored 12 on 12 hits to starting pitcher Kane Stein his third victory of the season.

Mountaineer first baseman

D.J. Hoshauer wasted no time showing the Warriors why he is the Mansfield captain and one of the most feared offensive players in the PSAC. Hoshauer launched a home run in the first inning to give Mansfield the initial lead, 1-0.

The Mountaineers notched another three runs on the scoreboard in the following inning. Wurster doubled with one out in the third. After right fielder David

Meldrum was hit by a pitch, he and Wurster advanced a bag on a wild pitch. Druckenmiller scored Wurster on a sacrifice fly out. Catcher Scott Erickson followed with an RBI single giving Mansfield a 3-0 advantage. Baker capped off the inning with an RBI double to score Erickson.

The fourth inning was all Mountaineers due to a seven-run outpour, pushing the score to 11-0 in favor of Mansfield. Meldrum followed a hit by pitch to Wurster with a double to center field. Druckenmiller then followed with a double of his own, scoring Wurster and Meldrum. After stealing third base, Druckenmiller scored the sixth Mountaineer run on an error by the East Stroudsburg catcher, Mark Rennie. Baker singled to right field, prompting a pitching change. Warrior reliever Tim Jones entered and immediately found trouble. Jones walked left fielder Brandon Shockloss and surrendered an RBI single to Hoshauer. Rickabaugh saw a pitch he liked and smoked a three-run homer, scoring Shockloss and Hoshauer.

Both teams would score a run in the sixth inning to run the outcome to 12-1. Stein (3-0) scattered seven hits over seven innings to collect his fifth victory and second complete game. With the complete game, Stein lowered his team leading ERA to 1.61.

The second game went the way of the Mountaineers again while Matt Allegretto (2-1) went the distance, holding the Warriors to one run in seven innings.

Allegretto allowed four hits and walked five but recorded nine strikeouts in the victory.

The teams entered the fifth inning tied at 1; however, the Mountaineers would score a run in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Shockloss, scoring Baker to give the Mountaineers their first lead of the game, 2-1.

Mansfield would add three runs in the sixth inning to give them a 5-1 victory.

The Mountaineers would welcome the Rams of Sheperd University on Tuesday to a doubleheader in which the home team took the first and dropped the second contest.

On the back of a 3-4 performance from the plate by last week's PSAC Player of the Week, Baker, the Mountaineers defeated the Rams in the first game, 10-7.

Mansfield starting pitcher Justin Ferguson was hit hard early, giving up three runs in the first inning on a Baker error, allowing Rams left fielder Collin Brown to score and a two-run home run off the bat of shortstop Ryan Brady.

The Mountaineers chipped away at the three-run deficit with a run of their own in the first inning. The table setters, Baker and Shockloss opened the inning with back to back singles. After Baker advanced to third on Shockloss' base hit, Hoshauer sent him home on a sacrifice fly out to make the score a 3-1 Ram advantage.

Both teams traded runs in the third and fourth innings before the Rams put two on the board in the fifth increasing their lead, making the score 7-3.

Mansfield roared back with seven runs on two hits in the bottom half of the fifth to take the lead, 10-7. Sheperd starting pitcher Travis Mumaw walked the bases loaded to begin the inning. He then came out of the game for reliever Austin Bowie (1-3) who proceeded to force in the first run of the inning on a walk to Wurster. Dan Phillips, who pinch-hit for first baseman Brian Frame, drove in two runners on a single, bringing the Mountaineers within one run.

C. Brown moved from left field to the mound to try and stop the Mountaineer run brigade. Unfortunately for Brown, that goal was not attained. Erickson flew out to center field, scoring Wurster on the sacrifice fly out to tie the game. After Sumner walked, Baker connected with a double giving the

Mountaineers the go ahead run. They would tack on two more before the close of the inning.

The Mountaineers bullpen shut the Rams down for the final 2-3 innings of play. Ryan Mantua (1-2) picked up the victory, his first of the season, while Colby Rickabaugh recorded the save (3).

Both teams took the field for game two of the doubleheader. The Rams would settle for nothing other than a victory in this game as they shut down the Mountaineer offense, winning 7-2.

C. Brown went 3-4 from the plate, scoring one of seven Ram runs. Nicky Brown, the second baseman, added two hits of his own. N. Brown also scored once and drove one runner in.

Brady notched two hits and two RBIs in support of the Shepard pitching combination of Steve Kozak, the starter, Chris Anderson and Josh Bowers. The three pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allow one earned run on seven hits for the Ram victory. A 4-4 plate performance from Mansfield's leading hitter, Baker was not enough to keep the Mountaineers in the ball game.

After the loss, the Mountaineers overall record fell to 12-9 while their conference record is 7-1, good enough for a first place tie with West Chester University.

Due to a ruling from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Mountaineers, along with many other collegiate level baseball teams, were forced to claim multiple games as exhibition due to a ruling that states all "doubleheaders must be between the same two teams with no more than 30 minutes between games and be for seven or more innings." Due to hectic schedules in Ft. Myers, Fla., many teams became a victim to this rule, leaving their statistics meaningless.

Mansfield will host Kutztown University at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Shaute Field. The two teams will square off again at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Kutztown.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mountaineer second baseman, Eric Baker currently leads the team in batting average (.515), hits (52), runs (46) and stolen bases (13). Baker went 7-8 from the plate against the Sheperd Rams.

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Mansfield granted \$1.1 million for new student program

By LEAH BURROUS
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University received a grant for \$1.1 million on April 13 from federal funds.

The Director of Grants Development, Betsy Brune, was on the committee to file the application with the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program.

"The SSS Program specifically addresses the needs of talented and motivated first-generation college students and students in various other target groups," Brune said. "The Mansfield University student population includes many students who fit the target groups."

TRIO is a term used to describe this among two other federal programs that focus on providing assistance to first-generation students, those from low-income families and those who are physically or learning disabled.

Students who fit these criteria, have demonstrated academic achievement and have established goals are considered for this grant.

"Mansfield University formed a committee of members from the Academic and Human Development Department, Institutional Research, Grants Development and hired a grant consultant from the University of Pennsylvania," Brune said.

Another member of the committee was Lou Labuski-Brown, the assistant professor of Academic and Human Development. "I see nothing but benefits, not just financially," Brown said. "We can serve a population that may not have had access to it previously."

Mansfield University had to fill out an application to compete with other colleges. The committee for the application was formed in January 2004.

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-Betsy Brune,
Director of Grants Development

From this, "each application is scored, and must obtain a very high score to receive funding. Mansfield University's application was scored at 100 out of a possible 100 points and thus received an initial five-year award of \$1.1 million," Brune said.

Students and personnel for the programs will be chosen by the start of next semester.

"The program will enroll 50 new students each year and the services for these students will help them with academic achievement and retention," Brune said. "The goal is

to help students succeed in college and be prepared to go on to graduate and professional programs if that is their choice."

According to a university press release, President John Halstead said, "This grant, in which Mansfield was highly rated, will enable us to provide even stronger and more innovative student support services, academic enrichment and counseling to help these students realize and achieve their educational goals. Helping students succeed remains our highest priority at Mansfield University."

Federal funds supporting the program in the first year will amount to \$220,000, with 52 percent of the program cost coming from the U.S. Department of Education and 48 percent of the project cost coming from recipient cost-sharing, according to Brune.

"It was a very rewarding process. Working with such a positive and extremely motivating group was great," said Brown.

Campus participates in Relay for Life campaign

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University hosted the Colleges against Cancer Relay for Life last Friday in the Kelchner Fitness Center. The Relay for Life is an overnight event held to raise money for cancer research and to celebrate cancer survivors. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life is a worldwide event. By the end of 2005, it will be held in over 20 countries.

The community of Mansfield held a main Relay for Life for 10 years before Jody Hare, Director of Student Organizations, Leadership and Greek Life Student Affairs, realized the community was missing the opportunity for more participants by holding it after University students leave for the summer. She came up with the idea to hold a mini 12-hour Relay for Life while students are still in Mansfield.

This year the Relay was held was from 10 p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday. The welcoming ceremony was given by Vice President of Finance and Administration, Michael Reid.

Cancer survivors also shared their stories of battling the disease.

There was also a luminary ceremony in memory of cancer victims. There were 18 teams that participated in the event; most were student organizations including Sigma Tau Gamma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Leo Club.

"Relay for life was a great opportunity for student organizations to get together and raise money for a good cause," Chuck Brubaker, Vice President of Programs for Sigma Tau Gamma, said. "Everyone there learned a lot about cancer and its destructiveness as well as heard the stories of cancer survivors. I think it was a good experience for everyone that participated."

After midnight there were many activities for the teams to participate in including a poker tournament, food eating contests, limbo, dance competitions, basketball and football, egg toss, tug-of-war, root beer pong and karaoke. Jeff Marsden voluntarily brings the karaoke equipment

each year; he is also a cancer survivor.

The teams also took part in the walking portion of the relay. At least two members of each team were walking around the track during the twelve hour period.

"The walking portion of the event is a tribute to cancer survivors and victims," Hare said. "The idea is that cancer never sleeps so we do not sleep."

Fundraising for the American Cancer Society will continue until the main Relay for Life held in Mansfield on May 20- 21. T-shirts from the mini Relay are still available for \$5 and tickets to win a VIP parking space are available for one dollar until the winner is announced April 21. Teams performed fundraising activities before the event and some held fundraising activities at the Relay, such as a coloring competition and a snack sale. The Leo Club was the organization that raised the most money equalling over \$330. Overall the event raised \$1,900.91.

"The main purpose of the Relay for Life is to raise money for the American Cancer



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The second annual Relay For Life was held from 10 p.m.-10 a.m. on April 16-17 in Kelchner Fitness Center.

Society, but it is also held to raise awareness," Hare said. "It is important that people are educated about cancer. Whether it is on a personal level or in the local community everyone has been affected by cancer in some way."



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Today's Weather



Mostly sunny with
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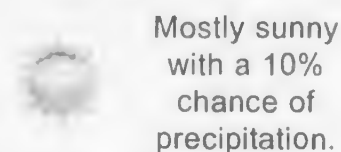
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Weekly Weather



TODAY



Mostly sunny with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 55° Low: 27°

FRIDAY



Mostly sunny with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 56° Low: 31°

SATURDAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 51° Low: 29°

SUNDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 63° Low: 36°

MONDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 51° Low: 39°

TUESDAY



Rainy with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 53° Low: 38°

WEDNESDAY



Scattered showers with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 60° Low: 39°

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Congratulations to the Writers of the Week!

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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ A mass in honor of the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael McGivney, will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 24 at Holy Child Church. All interested college students are asked to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served at the University Club following the mass. For more information, call the Rectory at 662-3568.

★ Have empty cartridges? Dr. Francis Craig is collecting any used ink cartridges to support the Miller Elementary School Playground Fund. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Mansfield Parent Teacher Organization. For any questions, call Kathleen Craig at 570-662-2095. Collection boxes are located near the front desk in all student dorms.

★ American Democracy Project will be hosting a weekly discussion group throughout the semester. The purpose of this series is to increase tolerance among college students. Students are encouraged to come to the meetings ready to voice their opinions and also to be open to ideas other than their own. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in 301 AHUB. Topics will vary by the week. If anyone has any topic that they would like to see covered, please contact Brianna Alderfer at x5558 or alderfeb@mnsfld.edu.

★ The results from the AIDS Awareness Day observation are in! Through the Campus/Dorm Storm \$505.44 was raised. The building that raised the most was Maple Manor with \$164.83. The majority of the money, \$405.44, will be donated to the Red Ribbon Foundation which is based in Calif. and is dedicated to National AIDS Awareness and Education. The remaining \$100 was donated to the Guthrie Support Network which does educational outreach and supportive services for HIV/AIDS patients in the Northern Tier.

★ Dance Team Tryouts will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 24 in Butler Center, room 136. There will be a meeting for all interested candidates at 9:30 p.m. Monday, April 18 in Kelchner Fitness Center Aerobics Room. For more information please call Jen Evans (513-7126) or Amber Wolford (662-3091).

★ The Mansfield University Advocacy Association in conjunction with HAVEN of Bradford County will be holding a "Take Back the Night Walk" at 6 p.m. today. The group will also be observing "Thursdays in Black" and holding a candlelight vigil. All participants are asked to meet at 6 p.m. in the South Hall Mall.

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Elementary education task force recommends changes

HARRISBURG — A task force charged with studying elementary teacher education programs at the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Universities has issued a series of recommendations to ensure new teachers are well prepared for the changing K-6 classroom.

The task force recommendations include aligning teacher preparation programs with evolving state academic standards and providing more opportunities for both students studying to become teachers and current classroom teachers to work together with PASSHE faculty in the schools. The increased interaction will help produce well prepared, effective teachers, the task force said.

"PASSHE Universities have been leaders among institutions that prepare teachers for Pennsylvania," Jere Schuler, a former state representative and 14-year member of the Board of Governors, said. Schuler chaired the Special Task Force on Elementary Education. "This report provides a blueprint to help ensure our universities will continue to prepare the best teachers for the Commonwealth," he said.



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Chancellor, Judy Hample will begin working with state Universities to plan for the implementation of recommendations.

"Elementary teachers today face significantly greater challenges than ever before," PASSHE Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Peter Garland said. "Students come to school with a broader diversity of backgrounds and learning needs. State and federal lawmakers continue to establish rigorous standards for student achievement.

"PASSHE must respond to these challenges by making the changes in teacher preparation programs that are necessary to

assure our children will benefit from well trained and highly effective teachers."

The task force was formed in the fall of 2003, with funding from the State Higher Education Executive Officers, a national organization that includes education officials from all 50 states. The funding was awarded as part of SHEEO's "Teachers of Tomorrow" project.

Task force membership comprised school administrators, school board leaders, parents, teachers, representatives from the General Assembly and Pennsylvania Department of Education, community college administrators and PASSHE faculty and administrators.

The task force submitted its final report to the Board of Governors today. Chancellor Judy G. Hample said she will begin working with the Universities to develop a plan for implementing the task force's recommendations. A system wide summit will be held to review the task force report, and to begin the process of revamping the Universities' elementary teacher education programs.

"The task force represents a

broad spectrum of educators and others interested in this vitally important issue," Hample said. "It is now up to us to work together to implement the many recommendations included in the task force report."

All 14 PASSHE Universities offer teacher education programs. All are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Only 18 of the 92 colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs in the Commonwealth are accredited by NCATE.

The task force focused its recommendations on several important areas of teacher preparation.

Elementary teachers need to have "a range of knowledge and skills that is both broad and deep," the task force said. Schools of Education and Schools of Arts and Sciences should work together to make certain that future teachers have strong backgrounds in such content areas as reading, mathematics, science and social studies.

Classroom management skills also are essential, as are a teacher's ability to work with a diverse array of students, including those with special

needs and those with limited English proficiency. The task force recommended that students receive more intensive training in the development of classroom skills, in part, through enhanced field experiences.

Once in the classroom, new teachers should have the opportunity to work with a mentor to help them continue to develop their skills. Teachers at every level also should continually update both their knowledge base and their classroom management skills through professional development opportunities.

PASSHE Universities "must ensure that their for-credit and not-for-credit offerings are research-based, continually revised and improved, and regularly assessed for quality."

From a public policy perspective, the state, Universities and school districts should work together to develop and implement a teacher induction program to improve the retention rate of teachers, the task force said. Too many new teachers leave the profession after a few years in the classroom. Strategies need to be developed to help schools retain effective teachers, the report said.

Spotlight on Student Affairs: Thomas Hulm

By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

As the end of the semester approaches, many students are scrambling to finish final projects or study for exams. Others are trying to figure out how all of the belongings they have crammed into their room are going to fit in their Neon.

However, no matter what a student is dealing with, it is likely that, as an undergraduate, a large part of your college existence revolves around life in a residence hall.

For the past several years, some say since Mansfield University's actual founding date, construction has been a major part of residence hall life.

However, with the completion of Pinecrest Manor and the conversion of Hemlock Manor into offices and classrooms by the end of the summer, the residence halls will become something more than just a glorified construction zone.

The new Director of Residence Life, Thomas Hulm, has dedicated himself to leading Residence Life into taking the next step.

Thomas Hulm arrived in Mansfield in February to take charge of the Residence Life office, bringing with him extensive experience and skills ready to be used.

After completing both his undergraduate and Master's Degrees at North Dakota State University, Hulm began working as an Assistant Director of Residence Life at Midwestern State University in Texas.

Over the years Hulm worked in several other positions, including Director of Housing at the University of Central Oklahoma, while also beginning his doctoral work at the University of Dakota.

Hulm comes to Mansfield with many of hopes and plans for the future, while also planning on learning from past lessons.

"I am the type of person who likes change," Hulm said. "We need to mix it up and try new things."

Some of those changes include expanding the outreach the Residence Life as an integral part of the campus community so that it brings students and faculty and staff members together, creating a true community of learning.

Some of Hulm's ideas include adding additional lifestyle and special interest floor options in the Residence Halls as well as creating programs that both students and faculty members can collaborate on.

In the future, many improvements will be made in Residence Life and all will be made with the well-being of the student body in mind.

"I have spent some time here learning differences and different practices, trying to be respectful of culture as I analyze where we can make an impact," Hulm said. "We must find opportunities to work together."

PRSSA to hold kickball invitational for USD

MANSFIELD, PA — Mansfield University Public Relations Student Society of America are kicking to the end of a semester.

PRSSA will be holding a kickball invitational at noon Saturday, April 23 on the Marching Band practice field.

The invitational benefits the United Disabilities Services (UDS).

UDS is a non-profit organization that helps advance the independence of people with disabilities. Laura McCloud, alumnae from Mansfield University, is a Development Assistant at UDS. McCloud will be speaking on behalf of UDS prior to the invitational. "It's great to have an opportunity to work with my Alumni and to support UDS," McCloud said. "I am looking forward to coming back to Mansfield

University," McCloud said.

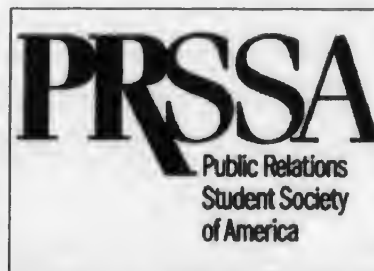
WNTF-FM, Mansfield University's student-run radio station

will be at the invitational for pre-game entertainment. Raffle prizes and refreshments will also be available.

PRSSA's Kickball invitational is free, however, donations are welcomed.

For more information on the invitational contact Kate Yenik at 570-662-2449 or at yenikk@mnsfld.edu. For information on the United Disabilities Services visit www.udservices.org.

Mansfield University PRSSA began in 1996. Mansfield University PRSSA's goal is to develop mutually advantageous relationship between students and public relations practitioners through working with profit and non-profit organizations.



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What in the world

By HILLARY GRUMBINE
Flashlight News Co-Editor

World News

VATICAN CITY, ITALY - The Roman Catholic Church selected a new pope on Tuesday. Joseph Ratzinger, 78, who took the name of Benedict XVI, greeted people outside the Vatican Basilica to deliver his first papal blessing. Ratzinger served for 20 years as John Paul II's theological advisor and is widely known as a leading theologian. He is known for being the driving force behind crackdowns on liberation theology, religious pluralism, challenges to traditional moral teachings on issues such as homosexuality and dissent on such issues as women's ordination.

MOSCOW, RUSSIA - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice changed her plans in Moscow on Monday due to a bomb scare at the hotel where she was scheduled to stay. Rice was taken to the home of the United States Ambassador and her staff was taken to the American Embassy in Moscow. Officials said

they learned of two bomb threats while Rice and her party were still airborne. One was at the Renaissance Hotel in Moscow and the other was in the area.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Marla Ruzicka, 28, a humanitarian aid worker from California and her driver were killed Saturday when a suicide bomber pulled alongside their vehicle and detonated the explosives he was carrying. Ruzicka began raising money for civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq in 2002. She also investigated the deaths of civilians and if they were killed by the United States military, then that family would receive some kind of compensation.

National News

WASHINGTON - The only person in the United States charged in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Zacarias Moussaoui, has offered for a second time to plead guilty. Sources said that if Judge Leonie Brinkema finds Moussaoui mentally competent to make the deci-

sion, he could enter the plea before the end of the month.

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Six-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong announced Monday that he will be retiring from professional cycling after this summer's competition. His new contract to race with the Discovery Channel team requires him to participate in only one more Tour de France. He has said in previous interviews that after retiring he would like to amplify his role as a cancer survivor.

ARLINGTON, Va. - Fourteen elementary school children were injured and one was killed in a school bus accident on Monday. Arlington County Police said they believe the bus was trying to make a left turn when it collided with a garbage truck at the intersection of two major roads. Twelve of the children were treated and released, while both drivers were hospitalized in critical condition.

Information taken from
www.nytimes.com and www.cnn.com

News in a Flash: Regional News

• By PAMELA DEFRANCO
Special to The Flashlight

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. - A Clinton County court jury found Shonda Walter guilty of first-degree murder for the brutal killing of neighbor James Sementelli two years ago. The six-man, six-woman jury announced it had reached a unanimous verdict at 11:25 a.m. on Monday, just 25 minutes after being sent to deliberate. The jury will decide, following a hearing today, whether Walter should be put to death or spend the rest of her life in prison.

HORSEHEADS, N.Y. - The New York State Assembly passed legislation unanimously on Monday to make it a felony to steal or possess stolen anhydrous ammonia, a common fertilizer that is also a key component of the drug methamphetamine. The legislation, co-sponsored by Assemblyman Tom O'Mara, R-Horseheads, will allow convictions to carry a potential prison term of one to four years. Similar legislation is being considered in the Senate. The problem has been especially rampant in Bradford County, which has earned the nickname "Meth Valley."

MORRIS, Pa. - Randolph W. Kellert Jr., 22, was critically injured in a car crash late Saturday night. Troopers at

the Mansfield barracks said he was flown by helicopter to Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre after the 11:30 p.m. crash on Route 414. When the first emergency medical volunteers arrived at the accident scene, Kellert became vulgar and kicked Morris emergency medical technician Cathy Kreger in the chest as she attempted to treat his injuries, police said. She was not seriously injured. State police said charges of DUI, aggravated assault, disorderly conduct and several traffic counts are pending against Kellert.

CORNING, N.Y. - Larry J. Comfort, a convicted Corning drug dealer serving 21 years to life in prison, was denied parole this week for the second time in 16 months. Comfort, 54, has been jailed since 1982. He was initially convicted of murder in the 1980 shooting death of undercover state police Investigator Robert Van Hall in Corning. In court, the panel wrote, "Your continued incarceration is warranted, as release at this time would deprecate the severity of your conduct and undermine respect for the law." Comfort remains eligible for another parole hearing in December.

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Campus Calendar

Today

- 7 p.m. Billy Martin All-Star Circus at the Decker Gymnasium
- 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Western Night Late Night at the Kelchner Fitness Center

Friday

- 8 p.m. Gong Show hosted by Kappa Kappa Psi in Steadman Theatre - Admission Fee: \$1

Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. Mini-Visitation Day starting.

Sunday

- 3 p.m. Concert Choir Concert in Steadman Theatre

Tuesday

- 1 p.m. Faculty Open Forum in 6th Floor North Hall Community Room

Wednesday

- Noon to 4 p.m. Psi Chi fundraiser: Five minute massage from a licensed massage therapist for \$5 in the South Hall Mall (Rain Location: AHUB 2nd Floor)

The safest ways to achieve your summer tan

By SHAWNA TIGHE

Flashlight Writer

Hot months are approaching fast. One thing many find to be a main ingredient for summer is a tan. One question remains: which is safer, sunbathing or sunless tanning?

For years, we have heard the warnings. Now, tanning bed owners everywhere are saying that tanning beds or artificial tanning is safest.

Where did the tan craze come from? As late as the 19th century, having a tan was looked down upon. In fact, the paler a person was, the more fashionable they were. It was assumed that if a person had a tan, he or she was accustomed to manual labor, such as farming and work done outside. It was assumed the paler you were, the richer you were. Rich people could afford to pay others to do their manual labor. Therefore, they could avoid tanning.

That all changed in the 1920s, when Coco Chanel

returned with a tan from the French Riviera. All of a sudden, tans became the new trend. They are still popular among Americans.

Tanning bed owners claim tanning beds are safer because the tanning individual is able to control the amount of ultraviolet rays their body absorbs. However, it is impossible to control the amount of ultraviolet rays one is exposed to while sunbathing.

According to www.medicalnewstoday.com, Michael Stepp, CEO of Wolf System Technology, the manufacturer of sunlamps for indoor tanning systems, said, "Instead of tanning for cosmetic reasons, an increasing number of regular tanning bed users have learned that regular, responsible and moderate exposure to UV light - from natural or artificial sources - is important to well-being, natural vitamin D production and disease prevention."

However, numerous medical experts are screaming that any

form of tanning, including artificial tanning, is harmful to human skin. Skin is the most important organ in the human body. Skin cells help the immune system fight off infections.

The sun gives off three types of ultraviolet rays. During tanning, the skin absorbs two kinds of ultraviolet rays: UVA rays and UVB rays. UVA rays cause skin cells to darken. These rays penetrate the lower layer of skin, called the dermis. The upper layers of skin are penetrated by UVB rays, which are the rays most commonly associated with sunburns. These rays are also the ultraviolet rays which cause skin cancer. The third type of ultraviolet ray is absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere.

Sunlamps used in tanning beds use only UVA rays for their tanning procedures. Many think because these lamps only use UVA rays, they are safe. However, while tanning under these bulbs, the exposure to UVA rays is

greater than it would be if out in the sun. This in turn causes the skin to age faster and an increased chance of skin cancer. Many doctors believe that tanning beds may be the cause for the rising numbers in skin cancer.

The only safe form of tanning is tanning by the bottle. There are many artificial tanning agents that can be applied and last up to a week without the harmful exposure to ultraviolet rays that may lead to skin cancer.

Katherine Kounovsky, a Mansfield University student, "I am against tanning because of the risks of skin cancer, not to mention it makes people look fake," Kounovsky said. There is no doubt many like



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Tanning bed owners claim that tanning beds are the safest way to tan. Ultimately, the best way to achieve your tan is to use a sunless tanner.

the bronze look. Let us hope people are achieving it in safer ways than to expose themselves to harmful ultraviolet rays from the sun and in tanning beds.

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d. 55 | 7. What are the names of Kevin's parents?
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c. Morrison Memorial High School
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d. Winston | 5. What is Kevin incapable of doing to pass his drivers test?
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c. Halt at a stop sign
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Comic films still marvel audiences

By ERIC MOWERY
Flashlight Writer

Comic book movies have not always gone over well. From the original movie *Punisher* of the early 90s to the hyper-flashy, fourth installment of the *Batman* series, comic book movies have had their fair share of nice tries and near misses.

With the start of the new millennium and the promise of improved special effects, writers and directors seem to have breathed new life to a genre of movie that was once thought over.

Movies like *The X-Men*, *Spider-Man* and the newly released *Sin City* have helped bring the comic genre to the public. These movies have not only been a smash at the box office but have been critically acclaimed as well. A culture stereotyped as dominated by geeks and overweight men in their 30s has become trendy and accepted.

Comic book movies, whether they end up being all hype or not, seem to still be generating good revenue in theatres and there is no shortage of such movies in the

near future. With the rights to just about every comic book bought up, it seems there will be no shortage in the number of comic based films anytime soon.

In the 1990s, there was a slump in comic book sales. Title changes, character development, bad writing and bad decision making hurt the comic book industry.

Availability added to the slump. New artists were emerging and new styles were all the rage. People were buying up new books on the possibility that they might one day be valuable. Collectors wanted these hard to find comics and they had to shell out big bucks to buy them. Die hard fans of the comic world started to get upset about the comic craze. In the mid 90s, the industry was almost destroyed.

After a few years of struggling, Marvel Comics took a gamble and sold the rights to some of their titles to the movie industry. With the release of *Blade*, a comic book movie based on a Spider-Man char-

acter, a new interest in the genre was sparked. *Blade* was released with an R-rating which could have influenced the next move by Marvel Comics.

Trying to push their comics to a larger group of people, Marvel dropped the code they had been following for years. *Blade* was big in the comic world because it allowed writers and artists to try new things with the titles they had been given. Comic books became more adult-oriented. They explored topics that would have been too risky for a pre-teen to teen audience.

Teams like the X-Men still dealt with saving the world, but readers displayed a strong interest in the personal lives of these characters. Buzz

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echoed through the industry. Marvel added a MAX line to their monthly titles. This allowed char-

were hooked. The movies that followed were successful.

Is it possible that the movies will cause problems in the comic industry? The idea is not far fetched. Sometimes too much of a good thing is too much of a good thing and if the public begins to tire of comic-based movies, Hollywood could stop making them.

Comic movies still have the power to draw in big name stars, writers and directors, but that might not continue. Basing a movie on a comic book is the same as basing a film on a novel. If it is not done properly, there will be a less than enthusiastic response.

Comic books have been around for decades. People writing scripts for these movies face problems that comic book writers face all the time.

Is it in their interest to keep the script as close to the original as Hollywood will allow it or should a drastic change be made in the hope that enough people will accept it with open arms? Such decisions could make or break the movie.

In the next five years, the idea of making a movie based on a comic might be insane, but something good for the fans has come from this comic book trend. Good quality writing and interesting story lines have emerged thanks to this renewed interest in comics.

Hardcore fans continue to buy comics as quickly as they are published. The movie releases of *Spider-Man* and *Spider-Man 2* have introduced the world of comic books to a new generation. It will be interesting to see how well the third installment of the *Spider-Man* franchise does at the box office in 2007. With so many comic book-themed movies, none surpass the box office success of *Batman*, *X-Men*, *Superman* and *Spider-Man*.

Whatever happens, as far as the movies go, the books themselves are here to stay.



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Rosario Dawson and Clive Owen star in director Frank Miller's comic book movie *Sin City*.

Movie Review: *Sin City*

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH
Flashlight Writer

Comic book genius Frank Miller, who wrote the series *Elektra*, collaborated with director, Robert Rodriguez (*Desperado*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*) to immortalize *Sin City* on film. *Sin City* was put on film this year. The cast is an all-star ensemble of distinguished actors, among them Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba, Powers Boothe, Elijah Wood, Benicio Del Toro, Brittany Murphy and Michael Clarke Duncan.

This film adaptation brings the crime-filled Basin City to life. The subplots include Marv (Rourke)

to the noir ambiance.

Mansfield University Freshman Aleax Olivera saw the movie and gave it a good review. "It stayed very true to the comic book's story line and visual style," Olivera said.

Freshman Preston Evans also enjoyed the film. "*Sin City* filled the gap between artsy and action movies," Evans said. "You could say it was a comic book movie that got it right, as opposed to *Hellboy*. The cinematography and special effects were amazing."

Junior Eric Mowery is a serious comic book fan. He claims that *Sin City* is the best comic book-to-movie adaptation he has ever seen.

There is more killing in this movie than the typical action film.

seeking vengeance for his love Goldie, a prostitute who was murdered. He will go to any length to discover the truth; Hartigan (Willis), is a cop in search of a serial pedophile, Roark, Jr. Hartigan is trying to keep the villain from his the next victim, Nancy Callahan; and Dwight who is chasing Jackie Boy (Del Toro) and his cronies. Dwight is assisted by some of the prostitutes of *Sin City* in trying to conceal some murders and avoiding warfare with the corrupt police led by Officer Manute (Duncan).

This noir thriller is filled with authentic and realistic action scenes that puts the *Kill Bill* saga to shame. An array of sexually explicit and neurotic monologues made the film even darker.

The subplots seemed to run together thought they were beautifully choreographed and filmed. Every shot is unique. There is a hint of artistically hidden color in *Sin City* which adds

Not everyone liked the film. Senior Stef Orme thought the movie had no point. "It was a bunch of people killing other people," Orme said. "It jumped around too much."

She is correct about one thing. There is more killing in this movie than the typical action film.

However, this film is important. Previous comic book movies have been poorly done. This new blood was necessary to rejuvenate the relationship between comic fans and the Hollywood.

The acting and the script were done well. *Sin City* may even earn some Academy Award nominations in the areas of cinematography, adapted screenplay or film editing.

We will see if the beautiful Jessica Alba can reclaim her stellar performance in this comic book action film in the upcoming comic book movie, *The Fantastic Four*. She plays Sue Storm, Invisible Woman. . . .

What's next?: Starting your professional job search

By TRAVIS CORTER

Flashlight Writer

"I'm graduating next month. What's next?"

"I have a degree, but I have no idea what to do with it."

"How do I find a job related to my major?"

These are the questions haunting many Mansfield University seniors as the semester comes to a close. These students will enter a competitive job market thirsty for graduates.

These questions plague more than seniors, though. Mansfield undergraduates also think of the future. Few know how to search for a job related to their major. The following are some things undergraduates can do to ensure they get an early start on the rest of their lives.

Department advisors help students plan for the future. They often have information on job availability within their department. It is also important to prepare a General Education Portfolio. While some students find this tedious, it is

rewarding in the end. The University requires a General Education portfolio to help students enter the working world. It prepares students for life after college.

Taking an internship is also a way to get one's foot in the door. It is the first step to working at a job related to one's major. Mansfield University offers internships to students with a certain GPA in their major. Most internships are offered during a student's junior or senior year. Some advisors suggest taking a Spring internship during one's senior year. That way, if there is a job opening where the student is having an internship, the student might get the job.

The Career Development Center on campus provides students with methods of searching for jobs. It also gives students a list of employers targeting Mansfield graduates. According to the Career Development link on Mansfield's website, an online program called FOCUS gives students online assess-

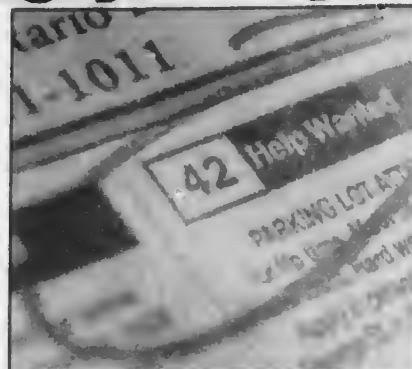


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The job of the Career Development office is to help you find a job.

ments. It shows them what jobs they would likely be best at.

The Career Development Center at Mansfield gives advice about what to do each year to plan for the future. In the first year, the staff of Career Development suggests one should focus on exploring career ideas. The staff also suggests students register for FOCUS through the Career Development Center during the first year. The staff also recommends joining an organization during a student's first year

to be beneficial.

A student's sophomore year is viewed by Career Development staff as a time for experimentation. The staff says one should write a resume to have it critiqued. It also stresses the importance of continuing to assemble a portfolio.

The staff thinks the junior year at Mansfield is a time to revise one's resume and learn how to write a cover letter. The staff also advises one to work an internship during this year. According to the staff's website, the junior year is also a good time to visit job fairs.

Job searches are recommended during a student's senior year. Career Development also stresses one should take part in a mock interview and sign up for on-campus recruiting. According to Career Development, many cover letters and resumes should be written during this year.

Graduate school is another possible route to take after college. Graduate school provides students with the opportunity to earn an advanced degree to possibly earn a

greater salary or to have a better chance at attaining a job.

If you don't know what you want to do with the rest of your life yet, don't worry. Talk with your advisor. Stay up-to-date with your General Education portfolio. It will help you to create a complete resume that will sell yourself.

Finally, don't worry. There is good news. According to www.CollegeGrad.com, the National Association of Colleges and Employers reports the number of job opportunities and beginning salaries for graduated college students is on the rise.

Julia Overton-Healy is the director of Career Development services at Mansfield University. The University's Career Development office is located at 305 South Hall. The office's phone number is 662-4133. Visit the Career Development link on Mansfield University's website for more information.

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Simple tips for interview success

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Is job interview stress making you a ball of nerves? The job interview is not meant to be a nail-biting experience. It is your chance to show your strengths and capabilities to an employer.

According to *Reader's Digest*, however, most employers believe that college graduates are not prepared for the work environment. Part of this problem is that many colleges are not adequately preparing students for life beyond the college classroom.

In scheduling the interview, try to avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. The best possible time for an interview is Tuesday through Thursday before the lunch hour. These times usually ensure the interviewer's undivided attention.

Above all else, before the interview, research the company. Knowing something about the company shows the employer that initiative was taken. Yet, many students neglect to research the values, accomplishments and structure of the company. Frequently in an interview, this can make or break the result. You can obtain informa-

tion by visiting the company website or by calling the Human Resources department.

As the interviewer is asking questions, demonstrate learned strengths by matching them to the job description. Use the skills that pertain to that particular job. Doing so will place applicants above and beyond the others.



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If a strength or qualification is included in the resume, always be able to back it up with evidence. This evidence should come from a portfolio of work that was prepared for the interview. The interviewer will ask questions about the qualifications on from the resume and being able to back all qualifi-

cations shows honesty, responsibility and preparation.

During the interview, never bring up salary unless your interviewer initiates the discussion. If the interviewee brings up the topic, it may show the employer that he or she is more focused on themselves than with the company. Though you may have a fabulous interview, bringing up the salary issue may remove you from being considered for the job.

Be sure to bring a list of at least 10 questions to the interview. According to John Kador, author of "201 Best Questions to Ask on Your Interview," the number one reason an employer chooses not to hire someone is because they do not ask questions. Asking questions communicates to the interviewer that the interviewee is knowledgeable about the field and that an effort to prepare for the interview was made.

With these tips, the interview will prove to be more successful. For more information on interviewing, visit the Mansfield University Career Development Center or check out the interviewing tips on job sites such as www.Monster.com.

Director of Information Resources Dr. Larry L. Nesbit

A Flashlight Career Portrait

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

As Mansfield University's students stroll through the inviting South Hall Mall toward the entrance of the majestic North Hall Library, few realize that this beautiful portion of the campus was different years ago. Today, a picturesque community area for students, Mansfield University's South Hall Mall once served as a site for parked cars. The North Hall Library, arguably the university's signature attraction, faced the threat of removal. Without either of these remarkable sites, Mansfield University's campus would certainly appear very different today.

Among the efforts of those who aided in the restoration of these projects, one man is credited with their success. Dr. Larry L. Nesbit headed the efforts to complete both of these projects. Although these accomplishments have truly made a lasting impact on the University, it is impossible to overlook Nesbit's list of other influential achievements that have greatly affected Mansfield University.

Nesbit began his Mansfield University career in 1970, serving as the school's Education Librarian. At that time, the Education Library housed all print materials that related to professional education, as well as items that could be utilized in the public school teaching environment. During his time as the Education Librarian, Nesbit supervised the library's transition from a curriculum materials center, to the Education Library.

In 1981, Nesbit became the University's Interim Director of Library Service. Four years later, Nesbit served as the Director of Library Service and Instructional Resources. Throughout Nesbit's 10 years in this position, his responsibilities included the coordination and maintenance of library, audiovisual and television service. Nesbit administered operating budgets for these areas and supervised 19 staff and faculty members.

For several months during his time as Director of Library



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The North Hall Library Traditional Reading Room will be named in Nesbit's honor.

Service and Instructional Resources, Nesbit took on a role outside of the library, serving as Interim Vice President of Finance and Operations. From April to September of 1986, Nesbit played a leading role in university budgeting, personnel, maintenance and custodial services.

In Aug. 1995, Nesbit entered the position he presently holds, Director of Information Resources.

During the 22 years Nesbit has served as Library Director, one of his most notable accomplishments is the renovation of North Hall. Nesbit led planning and served as the primary spokesperson for this renovation. "The campaign to make North Hall a library was certainly well received on campus, but was not well received by the commonwealth because they wanted to rip down the building," Nesbit said. "The state system also wanted to rip down the building."

Despite disapproval of the project, the state finally released funding for the restoration. "Ironically, that was only the beginning of the trials and tribulations of the building," Nesbit said. "A team of architects were brought in to evaluate the building to see if the structure could become a library. They ripped up into the south end of the building. There is enough steel structure in the south end for the low bearing that a library would have to have. They endorsed the proj-

ect. If they had ripped up the north end, which was built at a different time, they would have recommended that this building be torn down. It really was just fate or luck that we got to save the building."

In addition to his efforts to save the North Hall Library, Nesbit is also responsible for much of the interior design. "I worked with the architects on a weekly basis to come up with a design," Nesbit said. "All the furniture in the building is custom designed."

Fran Garrison, Chair of the Library Department and Education Librarian worked with Nesbit throughout the North Hall renovation process. "Larry was the principle person working with the architects and with the furniture design," Garrison said.

To ensure that the library would serve as a practical resource for students in future years, Nesbit supported that the library be made fully internet accessible. Although this function may seem completely necessary today, during the planning of the library in the early 90s, it was nearly unheard of. "Laptops were very rare at that point," Nesbit said. "I believed laptops would be a very viable technology, so we wired the building to support it."

Nesbit also served on the committee which selected many of the internet resources used in the library today. "Our charge was to decide what the future for automated libraries was going to be," Nesbit said. "We set up the structures for how all of the databases would be picked, reviewed and paid for."

Restoration of the library began in 1994. The North Hall Library opened its doors to students in 1996. Nesbit feels that the completed project was well received both inside and outside of the community. "It raised our expectations of ourselves and of what people expect when they come to a school," Nesbit said. "Many people have said that this is the nicest building that the state system has. Other people say that they have never been in



PHOTO BY KELLY ANN MURRAY

Dr. Larry L. Nesbit is in many respects, "The Father of North Hall."

a library like this no matter where they have been."

Nesbit completed his latest accomplishment a few years ago when he began the Mansfield University Online School Library Program. "The program is for people who have an undergraduate degree in education and want to switch fields and become a school librarian," Nesbit said. "We have designed the program around all of the standards for becoming an excellent school librarian that have been set by the American Association of School Librarians."

The program, which began in 2000 with around 50 students, now educates 278 students. "It is the most successful new program added to the state system and is by far the most successful online program in Pa.," Nesbit said. "One of the recognitions we just received for the program indicated that of the 103 most influential people for school librarians, five of the people are instructors for us and another three are on the advisory panel for us."

In addition to the library services Nesbit has provided to Mansfield University, the director has also been involved with the state. Serving as chair of the

Committee overseeing the renovation of the Rare Books Library of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Nesbit is charged with creating a new facility to preserve the heritage of Pennsylvania and the nation. Some of the collection's items include colonial newspapers and the journals of Benjamin Franklin. "They have some of the first books ever printed," Nesbit said. "It is an incredible collection."

Although Nesbit will retire this year, he plans to remain dedicated to library by volunteering. "Nesbit is very dedicated to Mansfield University, to the library profession, and to education," Garrison said. "I think that is reflected in his accomplishments."

Because of his dedication to the library, Nesbit has received several awards in recognition. The Pennsylvania Library Association gave Nesbit the Distinguished Service Award. In 2004, Nesbit also received The Contributor's Award from the association. Nesbit is the only individual to receive both of these awards in Pennsylvania.

In addition to these awards, the North Hall Library Traditional Reading Room will be named for Nesbit. "That is a neat recognition for what Mansfield University has permitted me to do," Nesbit said.

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By **MICHAEL PETERS**
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Graduation day at Mansfield University is rapidly approaching. This time of year is often the busiest, regardless of academic class. Most everyone is bustling to get ready for final presentations or exams. Many people are gathering their belongings and arranging to head home for the summer. The outgoing seniors are preparing themselves for a different task; saying goodbye.

All too often I am in an earshot of an onslaught of banter depicting Mansfield University as a "waste," of both time and money. There is a number invented, high enough to gauge the times I have heard a fellow student tell me something similar to, "I cannot wait until I am done with this place." In my near four years at Mansfield, saying goodbye may be the hardest thing I will have to do.

There were several times this year, this semester particularly, where I thought about how difficult it would be to say goodbye. However, the thought became a realization last week on two instances.

Last week was a busy one for the first organization I joined at Mansfield University, WNTE-FM.

The days are numbered at Mansfield University, so appreciate the deserved

On Tuesday evening, in between editing sessions for issue 10 of *The Flashlight*, I performed my last official duty required of the station's General Manager: running the election process.

After the election was over and the ballots were tallied, I came to the realization, that I was approaching the end of my tenure; not only as the station's leader, but also as a member of one of the most special organizations and staffs in the history of this University.

Two evenings later, the staff of WNTE-FM celebrated a semester of work with their biannual formal. At what was supposed to be a joyous occasion, I spent the majority of the evening reflecting on the people of the station who undoubtedly, I will leave in less than three weeks. For Thursday night may have been my last opportunity to make a fool of myself on the dance floor, toast the night to the people on and behind the airwaves and simply be with some of my favorite people while in a relaxed setting.

As I look back on the myriad of accomplishments that the station staff has attained, it is extremely difficult to bid my farewell to the organization that taught me the most,

about not only the radio or business, but also life.

At Mansfield, there is no better way to learn about the intricacies of people and their thought processes than holding a managerial post at WNTE-FM. In my five semesters as part of the radio stations governing body, I learned more about psychology and communication than I did about Federal Communications Commission guidelines.

In that time, like in any business or organization, there were situations in which I lost friends due to business decisions. I also formed friendships that I hope will last a lifetime. However, what I will treasure most from my involvement with WNTE-FM, is the person that the organization and everything within its call letters has groomed. Although unkempt at times, I am proud of who I am today and I thank the radio station.

Not to slight the other major bases of my education: MUTV, *The Flashlight* and the Mansfield University Communication Department; the latter two are responsible for the employment opportunity I have been given by ESPN in Bristol, Conn., which depending on when you read this, is

where I am, vying for a job as a writer. There is just something about "The Giant" that I feel is invaluable.

I will never forget all that I have learned in the ground floor of South Hall. WNTE-FM has made my stay at Mansfield University entirely worthwhile.

I urge every outgoing student to use the time you have in these last weeks wisely. Think back over the time that you have spent at this University and the bonds that you have made both personally and professionally and rejoice in the fact that you were fortunate enough to construct them. There is a strong possibility that you may not have the chance to thank the people who meant the most to you in the past once you leave the Mountaineer confines.

Years from now, I plan to be an established baseball writer for ESPN. The way I figure, if there is "no room for me on the diamond," echoed by coaches from high school to college, I will find room in the press box.

Regardless of what happens on Thursday or in any endeavors in my life's duration, I am confident that I will always remember the experiences I have been privy to and the people I have met while at Mansfield University.

Letter to the Editor: "Road to success is not looking good"

Dear Town of Mansfield,

As a Mansfield University student, I am writing this letter because of the mile-long pothole called South Academy Street.

It doesn't take a Ph.D to realize that the road is in horrible condition, anyone with a car could tell you this. With that being said, what really concerns me is that this is the first road that perspective students and their parents see upon entering the university. If the road had been this horrible when I was looking at various universities, I definitely would not have chosen Mansfield.

My argument however, is that rather than patching the road to "save" money, the township

should repave the entire road and the other roads surrounding the university.

It is a proven fact that in the long run the township will spend more money on patching the potholes, then they would if they were to repave the road in its entirety.

Just be sure to take into account that the university will lose perspective students and in turn the township will lose increased revenue. This could either be a win-win or lose-lose situation, and from my standpoint and many students agree that the "road to success is not looking to good."

Sincerely,
Paul T. Hershberger

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Commentary:**Remember when the news was news?**

By ZACH DuBORD
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The more I mull over the media today and how much I dislike television, I have come to a few conclusions about the problems that are facing the media today in both news outlets and simply entertainment. Aside from the lack of quality programming and abundance of shows about people screwing other people, both personally and professionally, there is a larger problem.

It seems to me that cable news has three primary functions that it seems to have made its goals: Firstly, any kind of discourse must be as polarized as possible. Secondly, the scope of news programming must focus on one or two large issues with other "lesser" news being simply scrolled by on the screen with as little information given as possible. Thirdly, any kind of news that is not controversial can be made to be that way.

For example, who gives a crap about what is on President Bush's Ipod? Apparently CNN does. It would be one thing to show a

piece that's a human interest story on the musical tastes of the president. Heck it might even be good public relations for him. If people think they have something in common with the man maybe he will seem more human to them. This is all well and good.

Where it becomes ridiculous however is when CNN attempts to analyze why he likes the music he likes and how it reflects his personality. Who gives a crap? I mean really, who gives a steaming flaming hot-pepper-induced burning turd about why the president listens to what he does?

If his listening to Jimmy Buffet affects foreign policy decisions, we have got some trouble. Then again maybe after getting wasted on some beach somewhere alienating all of our foreign allies economically and militarily might seem like a good idea. Anyways, this analysis of the president's music taste is an example of making an issue out of something that is unimportant.

In terms of scope of coverage, it goes without saying that cable

news seems to have a mob mentality when it comes to what they report. Tunnel vision is bad. When you have a press that obsesses with showing the most exciting or entertaining news "events" possible, what ekes by in the background is incredible. Does anybody remember the Chandra Levy case? It was hot news for a while until Sept. 11 happened. Gary Condit was in some seriously hot water about the nature of his relationship with her, but then when the towers collapsed this case disappeared, despite her body being found in early 2002. The case remains unsolved. The point is, the unbelievable focus of news media on one event sets the stage for wag-the-dog type scenarios in which governments can create distractions to hide their misdeeds. Not to sound like a conspiracy theorist, but when the press is thrown a story to munch on, how many others go untouched?

Lastly, by creating emotional and passionate "discussions" about important issues, cable news does a good job of leading people only by how they feel. Sometimes, feeling and reasoning are two unique and distinct processes. In a world driven by

sound bytes and people yelling at each other, it is difficult for people watching cable news to discern truth from fiction and valid argument from meaningless propaganda. This is dangerous because making choices through emotional passionate arguments can lead to some serious problems with mob mentalities and, in some cases, even genocide. The mass emotional center of America or any other country can be easily targeted and manipulated.

So what is the point? The point is that the best place to look for real honest to goodness news is still the newspaper. Why? Reading. When you read something you can take a moment to say to yourself "Hey, this does not make sense in the slightest, I should go back and read that again," whereas with cable news, all you get is a sound byte, a thought, and its gone. It is important to think and ask questions and not to sit back and let Anderson Cooper or Bill O'Reilly or Larry King or any other talking head tell you how to think.

That is it for this week's soapbox. Until next time kids.

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Letter to the Editor: A little help goes a long way

Dear Mansfield University,

As a sophomore at Mansfield University, I have noticed two things. One: you have to step up and take responsibility. Two: that is not always easy. Recently, I have switched academic departments.

While being in one major for over a year, I constantly felt lost and looking for direction. This was completely frustrating. My advisor, knowing I wanted to switch, didn't do much to help. I was halfway through my sophomore year and felt like a helpless freshman. (Hey, we've all been at the bottom once).

Finally, I went to the department I wanted to switch into and asked for advice from the secretary. She immediately got on the phone with some people I needed to see, gave me information, and sent me to where I needed to

go to officially make the change.

After switching into the new department for only one day, I saw an immediate change. The people truly seemed to care and were not just giving me the answers, but had given me the direction and mind I had been looking for. I realized how important it was to make the effort and essentially get my questions answered. Thanks to all of the support from the new department, I now feel like I can be comfortable in my major and know I can count on the people guiding me through my next two years at Mansfield.

In one day I had found what I had been looking for in a year and a half. I guess it is true that "a little help goes a long way."

Signed,

Pamela Jean DeFranco

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Defense wins championships NBA playoff preview

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Sports Writer

The offensive stars in this year's National Football League draft got their recognition last week, but this week it is time to shine the spotlight on some of the top defensive stars in this year's draft class. While the first round may be dominated by a lot of offensive talent, there are some teams in the first round that may look to one of the bright young stars on the defensive side of the ball. Players such as Antrel Rolle, Adam "Pac-Man" Jones, Carlos Rogers, Dan Cody and Derrick Johnson are players that are sitting on the top of some teams draft boards just waiting for their name to be called this coming Saturday at the NFL draft.

Rolle, Jones and Rogers are all top-rated defensive backs in this year's draft. Rolle is from the University of Miami and is highly regarded by most scouts as the most physical of any of the defensive backs in this year's class. Rolle has great cover skills and is not afraid to play bump-and-run coverage on the outside with a team's No. 1 wide receiver.

Teams are concerned that Rolle may not have recovery speed to stay with some of the league's best receivers, but what he lacks in speed he definitely makes up for in toughness. Look for Rolle to be drafted somewhere between No. 6

by the Tennessee Titans or at No. 8 by the Arizona Cardinals. If Arizona is able to acquire running back Travis Henry from the Bills in a trade that could be an indicator that they will be drafting a cornerback with their first pick.

Jones and Rogers are two cornerbacks that constantly trade places on many teams' draft boards. Some teams have Jones, from West Virginia University, as a better corner because of his speed. Other teams believe that Rogers, from the University of Auburn, is the better corner because of his size.

Recently, teams in the NFL have preferred bigger cornerbacks. It would not surprise me to see Rogers, who stands at six feet tall and weighs around the 200 pound mark, be drafted ahead of Jones.

Where Jones and Rogers get drafted depends on the No. 6 pick by the Titans. If the Titans draft Rolle, then it is likely that the Cardinals and Washington Redskins could draft Jones and Rogers at No. 8 and No. 9. Rumors are circulating though that if Rolle is not on the board at No. 8 that Arizona Coach Dennis Green, is more partial to Rogers.

Jones is probably the fastest corner in this draft, which would not disappoint the Redskins who have the No. 9 pick and have always enjoyed drafting cornerbacks with speed, for example Darrell Green and Champ Bailey.

Cody and Johnson are two of the best defensive players from the Big XII conference and in the nation. Cody, from the University of Oklahoma, has a great combination of speed and strength that will definitely make him a sought after defensive end on draft day.

Johnson, from the University of Texas, is the best linebacker in the draft and very few scouts will argue that point. Johnson has the size and speed that will make him a great addition to a team that is need in of a fast outside linebacker to upgrade their defense. Cody and Johnson could easily be picked within the first 15 picks of this year's draft. Johnson would most likely go first, because there are few linebackers drawing as much attention as him. Johnson would be a great addition in Dallas who, has



PHOTO FROM WWW.ESPN.GO.COM
Antrel Rolle is the tough cornerback that many teams are in need of to improve their secondary. Rolle will be ready to step in the starting lineup when he steps in to the NFL.

the No. 11 pick. Dallas Coach Bill Parcells is rumored to want to change his defensive scheme from the 4-3 to the 3-4. Johnson would be a great linebacker to add to help start this transition. The Cowboys also have a void to fill in the linebacker corps after losing Dexter Coakley to the St. Louis Rams in free agency.

Cody could be the No. 15 pick in the draft because it belongs to the Kansas City Chiefs and no team in the NFL needs more defensive help than the Chiefs. Cody would give the Chiefs a young speed rusher at the defensive end position, something that the Chiefs have not had since Derrick Thomas. Other defensive notables to keep an eye on are Erasmus James and Travis Johnson.

James, from the University of Wisconsin, is another speed rusher at defensive end that could go in the latter part of the first round or early in the second round. Johnson, from Florida State University, is more likely a late first round pick. Johnson could also be a target of the Chiefs at No. 15 or fall to the Cincinnati Bengals with the No. 17 pick. Bengals coach, Marvin Lewis, is a defensive coach at heart. Johnson would be a combination run stuffer and pass rusher that the Bengals could use to bolster their defensive unit.

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By JOSH WARNER
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For those sports fans that are hungry for some playoff atmosphere, the National Basketball Association is ready to help you fulfill your appetite.

With the regular season winding down this week, it is time to see how the elite 16 teams will do in the post season, as they march towards an NBA Championship.

As I write this article, the seventh and eighth seeds in the Eastern Conference are still being battled over by three teams: the surging New Jersey Nets, the inconsistent Philadelphia 76ers and the collapsing Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Cavs, aside from Most Valuable Player candidate LeBron James, have just given up. They have fallen out of the last playoff spot with a loss to the Detroit Pistons last Sunday. The Nets and 76ers have been playing strong and look like they will get the last two spots in the playoffs. Looking at this situation, the question to ask is very simple: Who cares?

Whoever clinches the last two-playoff spots will get the honor of losing to the Miami Heat and the Detroit Pistons in the first round. But to properly examine it, let us go with where the teams are currently seeded to examine the playoffs.

The top seed Miami Heat will face the New Jersey Nets in the first round. Looking at these teams, the Heat should dominate depending on the health of Shaquille O'Neal, who was injured in Sunday's game against the Pacers. He is listed day-to-day and will play "when he is a hundred percent healthy," according to head coach Stan Van Gundy.

All this means is that he will sit out the rest of the regular season, come back for the playoffs and average about 36 points against the Nets. Miami has too many weapons for New Jersey to stop. Not to mention they have no interior game. All the Nets have is the Jason Kidd to Vince Carter combination. This will not be enough and the Heat will sweep the Nets back to New Jersey.

The second seed Detroit Pistons will face seventh seed Philadelphia in the first round, which will be closer than the Heat-Nets series. By this, I mean the 76ers will win a game.

Detroit has too much experience and much better team chemistry than Philadelphia.

The only thing that Detroit will not be able to do is stop MVP candidate Allen Iverson. The rest of the 76ers do not play consistently enough to really contend, as the Chris Webber trade did not work out for this season. Next season might be different, but it does not matter this year. The defending champions will move on to the second round.

The three-six series will feature the Boston Celtics and the Indiana Pacers. With Antoine Walker back in Boston, the Celtics have been playing their best basketball all season. The combination of Walker, Paul Pierce and Sixth Man of the Year candidate Ricky Davis, they can score at will and be a dominant team. Add a veteran point guard in Gary Payton, who has been to the NBA finals two times in his career, once with the Lakers and once with Sonics and The Celtics should beat the Pacers in a close series.



PHOTO FROM WWW.CNN.SI.COM
Gary Payton was selected to the NBA All-Defensive First Team for eight consecutive seasons (1994-2001).

There is one factor that should swing the series to the Pacers favor: Reggie Miller. Yes, the old man on the court preparing to retire at the end of the season has been averaging 21.5 points per game his last five games. He will not want to end his career on a first round exit. With the talent of Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson, the Pacers will win this series in seven.

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PHOTO FROM WWW.AUBURNTIGERS.COM
Carlos Rogers is the best combination of speed and strength in the draft at cornerback. Rogers will give a team the physical cornerback with speed that is essential for today's secondary.

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James on the other hand could go as early as the No. 29 pick to the Indianapolis Colts or in the beginning stages of the second round. James would be a great fit for the Colts because he could play opposite Dwight Freeney, giving the Colts one of the best defensive end tandems in football. The Colts have the offensive firepower already; it is the defense that is in dire need of help and James would be a great piece in completing the defensive puzzle.

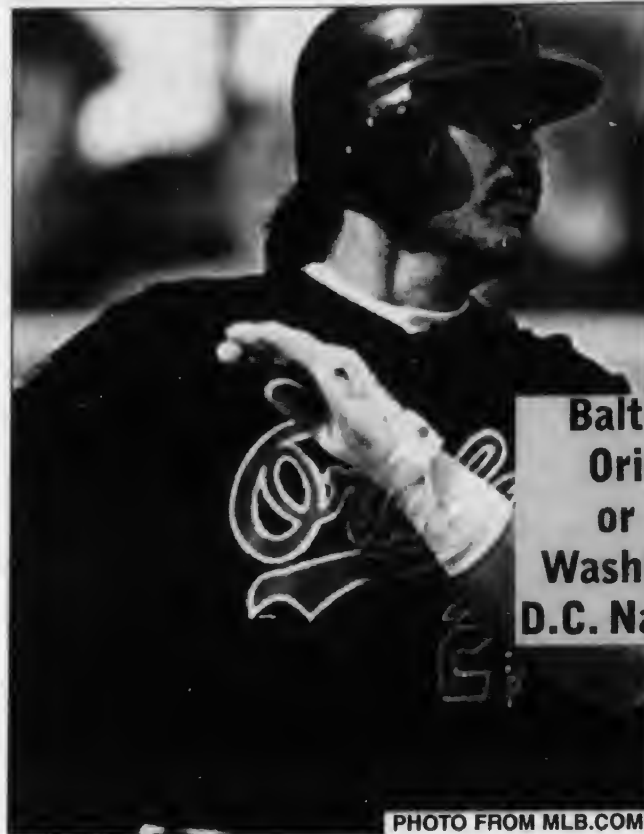
Coverage begins at noon on Saturday, April 23 on ESPN. Tune in and find out who will go No. 1 in the draft all the way to the last pick of the seventh round, otherwise known as Mr. Irrelevant, on Sunday. This will be the last football action from the NFL that fans will get until pre-sea-



PHOTO FROM TONYWUOU.BLOGSPOT.COM
Dan Cody is an explosive defensive end looking to continue the success of previous Oklahoma players in the NFL.

son begins in late July.

Grab a soda, some snack items and strap in for seven rounds of excitement that will more than likely begin with Commissioner Paul Tagliabue uttering the words, "The San Francisco 49ers are now on the clock."



Baltimore Orioles or the Washington D.C. Nationals



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Can the fans support both teams?

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Editor

Washington has waited more than three decades for Major League Baseball to return.

On April 14 in RFK Stadium, the first major league game in the nation's capitol since the Nixon administration was played. The newly minted Washington Nationals hosted the Arizona Diamondbacks.

President George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch after receiving the ball from former Washington Senators reliever Joe Grzenda. The last President to throw out a first pitch here was Richard Nixon in 1969.

Grzenda threw the final pitch in Senators history before fans stormed the field, forcing Washington to forfeit the contest to the New York Yankees on Sept. 30, 1971.

The following season, the franchise became the Texas Rangers. Ironically, Bush was part owner of the Rangers.

The Nationals were known as the Montreal Expos and continue to be owned by Major League Baseball. Seven groups are vying to purchase the team.

Washington agreed to spend more than a half billion dollars to build a stadium on the Anacostia River. The park is due to open in 2008.

Until then, the Nationals will play at RFK Stadium, which is about 20 blocks east of

the U.S. Capitol.

The Nationals opened the season with a nine-game road trip, capping it with five consecutive wins, two against the Atlanta Braves and three against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

With the novelty of a new team status, the current winning streak and heavy hitter Jose Guillen, the Nationals have not had much of a problem finding a fan base. However, one is forced to wonder if the Nationals are going to last.

I do not want to take the glory away from Washington during such a historical time in baseball. However, finding baseball fans that are not already committed to a team, such as the nearby Baltimore Orioles, will be like trying to find an honest politician.

After sweeping the Yankees, the Orioles start this week in first place in the American League East. A lot of Baltimore fans come from the D.C. area.

With two teams as close, in terms of distance, as the Orioles and the Nationals there may be some difficulty retaining the fan-base that the teams have at the cur-

rent time. Especially with both teams doing so well.

As a lifelong Orioles fan, my heart will stay with Baltimore. Currently, I cannot name one starting position player from the Nationals that I would rather have over any O's starting position player. Rafael Palmeiro, Brian Roberts, Miguel Tejada, Melvin Mora, Javy Lopez, Larry Bigbie, Luis Matos and Sammy Sosa create a strong starting lineup. Any fan should be pleased.

Baltimore has a steady team. It seems as though the team itself is not what is losing fans. A lot of Orioles fans are going to Washington saying that their decision to leave Baltimore was made based on their problems with Orioles owner, Peter Angelos.

I do not think that hatred for Angelos will be enough to drive a significant amount of O's fans away from Baltimore and into Washington.

I understand the Nationals fans can come from outside of the Baltimore/Washington area. They are winning games after all. But for some reason, I have a hard time seeing this team lasting too far into the future.

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The Flashlight Sports Question of the Week:

Will the Baltimore Orioles fan base suffer with the Washington Nationals near by?

Outdoor track team continues success

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Outdoor Track and Field team sent some of its athletes down to the Bison Outdoor Classic at Bucknell University this past weekend.

The big story for the Mountaineers was the performance of Chris Cummings in the 5,000-meter run. The sophomore was forced to persevere through a lost shoe in the first lap of the race.

Mansfield University Head Track and Field Coach Michael Rohl said it was clear something was not right early on. "I saw Chris pointing to his feet during the first lap and since it was dark outside I couldn't tell exactly what he was pointing at," Rohl said. "I sent Charity Learn to run over and see if he had lost his shoe and it turned out he had." Cummings had been stepped on during that first lap and his shoe had come off, forcing him to run with only



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Chris Cummings broke a 21 year old school record in the 5,000-meter run at the Bison Outdoor Classic.

one shoe for almost the entire race.

As Cummings continued the race, Rohl had one prevailing thought, "I was just praying that he wouldn't get hurt."

Not only did Cummings avoid injury, but he managed to break the school record in the event by 20 seconds, qualify for nationals and finish 11th in a field of 106 run-

ners. Cummings finished with a time of 14:40.48, breaking the 21-year old school record of 15:02.0 held by Kenneth Zatyko. Richard Correll also had a strong Friday night on the men's side, qualifying for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships in the 10,000 meters.

On the women's side, Charity Learn and Rachel Hall also became provisional national qualifiers. In the 5,000-meter steeplechase, it was Learn posting a time of 11:09.73 and Hall completing the course in a time of 11:27.00 to finish sixth and tenth respectively. On Saturday, freshman Casey Root stood out with a 124-foot throw in the javelin, marking the second best throw in school history.

The Mountaineers will return to the track at 10 a. m. on Saturday, April 23 continuing into Sunday, April 24 for the College Track Conference meet at DeSales University.

Mountaineer softball takes two games

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&

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The Mansfield University softball team finished off a pivotal week in their season with a split of four games. The Mountaineers have a 22-11-1 record overall and a 9-10-1 mark in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East as of April 18.

Following Mansfield's April 13 doubleheader sweep of East Stroudsburg, the Mountaineers welcomed nationally ranked Shippensburg to town on Friday, April 15. The Red Raiders came to Mansfield sporting a 24-game winning streak and a perfect 16-0 record in the PSAC East. That track record held true for Shippensburg in the first game as they cruised behind Kelley Tiesi (18-1) to an 8-0 victory. Amy Martino took the loss, falling to 7-3 on the season.

Game two was a different story. The Mountaineers played strong behind starting pitcher Alison Tagliaferri. The senior hurler worked out of trouble for most of the afternoon, until the Mansfield offense came alive to

give her run support. With the Mountaineers clinging to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth, Tricia Bailey clubbed a two-out, three run double to give Mansfield a 4-0 spread. That was more than enough for Tagliaferri, who threw a complete game to lead Mansfield to 4-1 upset of the Red Raiders.

The next day, Mansfield traveled to West Chester University to play two games against the Golden Rams. Game one featured a three-run fourth inning that allowed Mansfield to race out to a 3-1 advantage. The Mountaineers were unable to hold on, as three West Chester runs in the final two innings led to a 4-3 Golden Rams triumph.

The loss in game one made the second game a must-win situation. The Mountaineers responded. West Chester took a 1-0 lead into the top of the sixth but Mansfield rallied for two runs. The inning was highlighted by a two run single by Nancy Quinn that gave Mansfield a 2-1 edge. Tagliaferri was once again dominating on the mound, this time in four innings of relief, to get the win.

For her efforts over the past week, Tagliaferri was named PSAC East Player of the Week. The senior went 3-0 on the mound, with a 0.50 ERA. She also hit for a .300 average for the week.

Mansfield's 9-10-1 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East record has them a half game behind Kutztown for the third and final conference tournament berth from the PSAC East.

The Lady Mountaineers were swept by the Golden Bears at Kutztown University on Tuesday.

Tagliaferri (6-4) took the loss in the first match, surrendering five runs in a complete game effort.

Senior Jackie Laskowski was 1-2 from the plate and knocked in two runners on a double in the second game and Stacey Dean collected an RBI single.

However, it was not enough to fend off the Bears as Mansfield's starting pitcher Amy Martino (7-4) took a 5-4 defeat after throwing seven innings against the Kutztown offense.

The losses may adversely impact Mansfield's playoff hopes.

The Lady Mountaineers will end their regular season on Friday, April 22, with a home twinbill vs. Millersville.

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Finally, the four-five series will be the Chicago Bulls against the Washington Wizards. Yes, the two doormat teams since 1999 are now both in the playoffs. It is the first time for Washington since becoming the Wizards. It is the first for the Bulls since Michael Jordan retired before coming back to play for the Wizards. How ironic.

The Bulls will be going in short-handed, since Eddie Curry and Luol Deng will both be out for the series. However, do not count out the "Baby Bulls." If it stays the way I see it now, the Bulls will have home court for at least the first round, where they are 26-14 on the year.

The Wizards are an abysmal 16-23 on the road, which should give the Bulls the advantage. The Bulls might not have a top 10 scorer in the NBA like the Wizards have with Larry Hughes, but they do play better team ball and should win the series in seven games.

Moving on to the Western Conference, top seed Phoenix Suns will face the Memphis Grizzlies in the first round. The Suns have much more talent, led by MVP candidate Steve Nash, they should be able to run down the Grizzlies. The Grizzlies do have something going for them though, unlike the Suns who have the worst scoring defense in the NBA, allowing 102.8 ppg. The Grizzlies have the third best defense in the NBA, allowing 90.9 ppg. If the Grizzlies play perfect defense, they might have a shot of winning. However, the Grizzlies lack the scoring talent of the Suns. The Suns will win this series in six games.

This next match up is an interesting one. The San Antonio Spurs will face the team no one wants to play, the Denver Nuggets. The Spurs have the edge in experience, winning the NBA Finals in 1999 and 2003. However, the Nuggets have confidence coming into this game. It all comes down to the health of Tim Duncan and if the defense of San Antonio can stop the high scoring offense of Denver. It is tempting to pick the upset here, but you can not look down on the Spurs, who will win in seven games. I expect that this will be the best series of the first round.

Next, we have the Seattle Supersonics facing the Sacramento Kings. Yes, Seattle can score and run the courts, but they lack an



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Steve Nash was the fifteenth player chosen in the 1996 NBA Draft. As a rookie, Nash averaged just 3.3 points and 2.1 assists in 10.5 minutes.

interior presence that other teams in the West possess.

The Kings have Brad Miller to play the interior, who might not have the size, but does have the aggressiveness of other centers. The Kings also have playoff experience, which gives them a huge edge. This will be the first round upset everyone is looking for, as the Kings will shock the Sonics in six games.

The final match up of the first round will feature the Dallas Mavericks against the Houston Rockets. This will be an interesting match up between the two Texas teams, as they can both score. The difference is that Houston plays better defense than Dallas. Houston is forth in the NBA in scoring defense, allowing 91.2 ppg. In addition, Jeff Van Gundy has much more coaching experience over the Avery Johnson, who took over mid-season in Dallas. Dirk Nowitski and Tracey McGrady will both score 30 ppg., but the Rockets' defense will prevail and kick the Mavericks out of the playoffs.

Looking at the first round of the playoffs, you will normally see the home teams advance, but anything can happen. Injuries, questionable calls and coaching decisions might change the direction of the playoffs very quickly. However, with so much powers on teams like the Heat, Spurs, Pistons and Suns, it is doubtful that anything like that will happen in the playoffs this year.



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005

The Mountaineers take four of six "golden" games over the weekend against Kutztown and Clarion

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University Mountaineers collected four victories in the last five days, improving their record to 22-14 overall and 10-2 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East, falling to second place behind West Chester University.

The Mountaineers began their weekend with a sweep of the Kutztown University Golden Bears at Shaute Field. The victories moved Mansfield to 9-1 in the PSAC East.

In the opener, Mountaineers starting pitcher Nick Grove and Golden Bears starter Matt Maradeo duelled for the complete game victory. Both achieved the complete game, however, Grove captured the win.

Grove (3-2) scattered six hits and allowed three runs over seven innings in the Mountaineers triumph.

Mansfield was down early in the contest, 1-0, after Kutztown left fielder Ryan Loper hit a home run over the fence in right-center field in the second inning.

The Kutztown lead was brief as the Mountaineers put three runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning on back-to-back RBI doubles by left fielder Brett Shockloss and first baseman D.J. Hoshauer.

Both teams exchanged runs in the fourth inning. Kutztown second baseman Josh Fink doubled home third baseman Tony Riegal to bring the Bears closer, 3-2.

The Mountaineers answered with a run of their own on a bases loaded walk to second baseman Eric Baker, scoring third baseman Stuart Sumner.

Kutztown took advantage of a Baker error in the fifth inning

to move the score to a 4-3 Mountaineer advantage. The Bears scored on a groundout to third base off the bat of first baseman Mike McCardell.

That would be all the offense the Golden Bears could summon, as Grove and the Mountaineers escaped with a 4-3 victory. Grove threw the fifth straight complete game for the Mountaineer pitching staff.

Despite throwing a complete game, Maradeo's record fell to 2-3 on the season.

The second game, much like the first, was the starting pitcher's ball game. Kyle Sadlowski took the ball for the Golden Bears, while Mountaineer lefty Adam Lorson went for his fourth win.

Mansfield struck first in the third inning with two runs on a two-run single off the bat of designated hitter David Meldrum. Catcher Kevin Rollins, who singled to lead off the inning and Baker, who reached on an error came around to score on the Meldrum hit.

Lorson (4-2) dominated the opposition until the sixth inning when Loper singled home the Golden Bears leading hitter, Jeff Craig to bring Kutztown within one, 2-1.

The Mountaineers scored two runs in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Baker. Golden Bear right fielder, Scott Senna overran Bakers hit, allowing pinch runner Ryan Giblin and Rollins to cross home plate.

Kutztown put a run on the board in the seventh inning, but closer Colby Rickabaugh came in to collect his fourth save and secure the 4-3 victory.

Lorson threw six innings for the win while Golden Bear's Sadlowski took the loss after six.

The teams traveled to

Kutztown University to play two on Saturday where the Mountaineers split the doubleheader with the Golden Bears.

Mansfield claimed the first game, 7-4, behind a 3-4 plate performance by Baker and a complete game effort by Kane Stein, moving his record to 6-0.

After scoring first in the third inning off an RBI Rickabaugh double, the Mountaineers put three on the board in the Mansfield fourth.

With center fielder J.D. Druckenmiller on first base after a walk, right fielder Dan Phillips notched a one-out, run-scoring double to push the Mountaineer lead to 3-0. Baker followed with a double to score Phillips from second. Shockloss capped the inning with an RBI single, scoring Baker.

The Golden Bears scored two in the bottom of the inning to lessen the deficit, 4-2. Craig led off the inning with a single and advanced to third on two wild pitches. He came home on a two-run home run by Loper.

The Mountaineers got those runs back when shortstop Travis Wurster singled home Sumner and Druckenmiller in the fifth inning to enhance the Mansfield lead, 6-2.

The Golden Bears matched the Mountaineers two with RBI singles from Loper and designated hitter Kevin Costello.

Baker came around to score on an RBI single off the bat of Rickabaugh to provide Stein extra insurance. Stein would not need it as he faced three batters in the seventh to grab the win.

The Golden Bears took the second game, 2-1. Kutztown pitcher Matt Keller out dueled Mansfield's Matt Allegretto and stops the Mountaineers three-game winning streak.

The Mountaineers offense struck first as they put their sole run on the board in the second. Wurster singled home Druckenmiller to give Mansfield the initial lead, 1-0.

That lead would not last long as Kutztown plated two in the third inning highlighted by a run-scoring triple from Craig. After Allegretto struck out McCardell, Costello singled home Craig in what was the deciding run.

Allegretto (2-2) and Keller (8-1) matched each other nearly pitch for pitch. Allegretto walked two batters while striking out nine, only to be out done by Keller, who walked one and fanned 10. Both pitchers threw complete games, but only Keller walked away with the win.

The Mountaineers welcomed the Clarion Golden Eagles to Shaute Field to play a doubleheader on Tuesday. Mansfield was only able to come away with one victory as they remained in second place in the PSAC East.

Hoshauer connected on a pitch from Clarion starting pitcher Adam Shaffer and sent it flying over the center field fence for a game tying three-run home run (13) in the fifth inning.

With the score notched at 4, the Mountaineers offense emerged for five runs. Phillips, Shockloss and Meldrum each contributed with RBI singles.

Rickabaugh, who came in relief for starting pitcher Just Ferguson, threw 2 2-3 innings to record his first win of the season in the 9-4 Mountaineer triumph.

The second inning of game two featured six Mansfield runs highlighted by home runs off the bat of Baker (7) and Hoshauer (14).

With the score 12-4 in the fifth inning, the Mountaineers



SPORTS INFORMATION

Travis Wurster is a four-year starter in the shortstop position. He has hit four doubles and collected 17 RBIs.

looked as if they had collected another notch in the win column. However, the Golden Eagles did not quit. Clarion put eight runs on the board in the fifth and sixth innings collectively to tie the score at 12 and scored two in the seventh to secure the victory, thanks to long balls from center fielder Jared Frey (4), second baseman Matt Carver (2) and outfielder Kevin Gledhill.

Two RBIs and a triple from Wurster was not enough to give the Mountaineers the victory. Adam Lorson came in the game in the sixth inning after starting pitcher Nate Jones and reliever Ryan Mantua lost control of the game. Lorson (5-3) was credited with the loss.

Baker was awarded the third consecutive honor of PSAC Player of the Week on Monday.

Mansfield will play West Chester University in two doubleheaders this weekend as they begin at 1 p.m. Friday at Shaute Field. The teams will then travel to West Chester to finish out the series.

The Flashlight

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Mansfield University Foundation names new board members

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Three members will serve a three-year term as part of the Mansfield University Foundation Board of Directors.

Kevin Abrams, a 1979 graduate of Mansfield University, is the current executive director of the Northern Tier Planning and Development Commission in Towanda, Pa.

Joseph Maresco has been a member of the Mansfield University faculty for 30 years. He retired in 2002 after an 18-year term as the University Vice President of Student Affairs. He currently resides in Mansfield.

Larry Nesbit is the current director of Information Resources at Mansfield University. This summer, he will retire from this position after 35 years of university service.

"The main job I will be performing as a board member is certainly making recommendations on inducements that the Mansfield University Foundation has and changes," Nesbit said. "I will also be making requests for the university that the university can't support."

Maureen McKenna is the Executive Director of the Mansfield University Foundation. "I am so excited about the new board members. These people represent tremendous history with the university."

Since state appropriations and tuition funds do not fully cover the increasing costs of the univer-

sity, the Mansfield University Foundation serves as a non-profit corporation for receiving private gifts from individuals or businesses who believe in continuing a high status of education at Mansfield University.

"I was on the foundation board once before for several years, and I thought this would be another opportunity to provide input to the university to help it be more successful," Nesbit said.

The Mansfield University Foundation participates in fundraising campaigns to support the present and future students as well as the organizations that exist on campus. The Mansfield Fund campaign begins July 1 and ends June 30 of each year. This fund encourages alumni, parents, friends and local businesses to show support for the university through a monetary donation.

The gifts donated to the Mansfield University Foundation are used for scholarships and to help support special projects within the University.

The Mansfield University Foundation is governed by a 26-member Board of Directors who volunteer their time and individual expertise to help the University.

"All three members have had a combined direct connection to Mansfield University for something like 70 years in all different kinds of roles," McKenna said. "They have tremendous respect for Mansfield and were really excited about joining the board. All three are going to a great job."



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Above, Kevin Abrams, Joseph Maresco and current director of Information Resources, Larry Nesbit were selected to become part of the Mansfield University Foundation Board.



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mansfield University will be holding a leadership academy for high school girls next month.

Mansfield helps young girls "SOAR"

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University is hosting the first SOAR Leadership Academy for high school girls on Thursday, May 12.

SOAR stands for Success, Opportunity, Achievement and Respect. Dr. Shari Clarke, Vice President of Student Affairs, wrote the grant for the SOAR Leadership Academy. Dr. Clarke said she based SOAR off of a program she assisted with at the University of Nebraska.

"I developed the program because I saw a need for high school girls in the area to have more exposure to the opportunities that are available to them with higher education," Clarke said.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a college admission fair. They will also hear from keynote speaker, Regina Waldroup. Waldroup is currently a reporter

for WXXA-TV FOX 23 in Albany, NY. There will also be a College Women's Leader Panel and workshops for the girls to participate in. A free buffet lunch will be served to the girls and they will also receive SOAR goodie bags.

The workshops are all involved and are designed around building leadership skills, maintaining self-esteem, diversity and gender.

Clarke said when the girls leave the event, she hopes that they realize through this program their potential to achieve.

Some of the workshops include "Mirror Mirror on the Wall...Your Body Image" run by Dia Carleton, "It's All About Me" with Diane Monkiewicz, Dr. Adrienne McEvoy with "It's Your Brain... Use it!" Dr. Barb Smith with "Who, me? A leader?" and many others.

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Sidelines with
Eric Baker
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Today's Weather

Few showers with
a 30% chance of
precipitation.

High: 55° Low: 36°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather

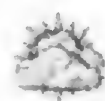


TODAY

Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 55° Low: 36°

FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 38°

SATURDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 42°

SUNDAY



Scattered T-storms with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 57° Low: 38°

MONDAY



Rain with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 59° Low: 40°

TUESDAY



Showers with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 59° Low: 41°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 61° Low: 40°

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Congratulations to the Writers of the Week!

NEWS

LEAH BURROUS

"Mansfield granted \$1.1 million for new student program"

FEATURES

SHAWNA TIGHE

"The safest ways to achieve your summer tan"

SPORTS

JOSH WARNER

"NBA playoff preview"

Last week's Features writer of the Week was Eric Mowery

POLICE BEAT

Announcement - Wallet stolen from my office on Thursday, April 21. Credit cards have already been cancelled. Please return contents which are valuable only to me. No questions asked. You can keep the cash. Reward for return. Contact Dr. Sharon Carrish at 662-4371 or scarrish@mansfield.edu.

April 25, 2005 - Criminal Mischief - Police were notified that there was damage done to two walls on the ground floor of Pinecrest Manor. The damage will be estimated at a later time by Mansfield University.

April 9, 2005 - Underage Drinking, Possession of Alcohol - Mallorie Ziekler, Danyl Atkins, Gina Riedel, Amy Kesslick, Chad Blanchard and Henry Morris were referred to Residence Life for the possession and consumption of alcohol on campus. Police were called due to a complaint of a loud party on the fourth floor of Laurel A with persons bringing alcohol on into the hallway. All individuals, with the exception of Riedel, were cited for underage drinking. Riedel is 21-years-old.

April 4, 2005 - Defiant Trespass - At 9:50 p.m. on March 29, a juvenile was found trespassing in Grant Science Center, unlawfully accessing a University computer. The above charges have been made.

April 3, 2005 - Possession of drug paraphernalia - Kyle Heter of Laurel A, was referred to Residence Life for the possession of drug paraphernalia found in his room.

March 29, 2005 - Criminal Mischief - Zack Moyer of 616 Maple A, was referred to Residence Life for kicking in his door and will be required to make restitution of \$233 for the damages.

Outstanding student service recognitions awarded

MANSFIELD - The 16th annual Student Affairs Outstanding Student Awards Banquet was held in Manser North Dining Room on Monday, April 18. This celebration honors students for their achievements and recognizes the time and effort put forth by the various advisors to the many student organizations on campus.

This year there were 17 nominees for the outstanding student service awards. All were recipients of certificates of merit and one student, Shauna Chisholm, nominated by Mansfield University's Leo Club, was selected as the Outstanding Student Service Award Recipient for 2004/2005.

Mansfield University also had 34 inductees into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, including Chisholm. They join an elite

group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

The Community Service Learning Advisory Board honored the recipients of their community volunteer service awards. Awards were presented in three categories of service: student, awarded to Marisa Szynal; organization awarded to Circle K; and faculty/staff awarded to Dr. J. Dennis Murray.

Greek Life Awards were presented to Delta Zeta for Excellence in Academics and Zeta Tau Alpha received awards in the categories of Exceptional Dedication to Community Service and Highest Charitable Donation Total. Greek Woman of the Year and Greek Man of the Year went to Katie Gates and Ted Ford respectively.

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Congratulations Graduates! Looking forward to seeing everyone back in the fall!

"The Gong Show" revisited for fundraiser

By JASON PRZYBYCIEN

Flashlight Writer

Only one of the 11 acts at the annual "Gong Show" avoided the gong. The Gong Show took place at 8 p.m. in Butler Music Center on Friday, April 18.

The half-hour of performances ranged from brief musical interludes to feats of acrobatics. Many of the performers participated multiple times, wearing wigs to disguise themselves.

Kappa Kappa Psi, a music fraternity, sponsors the event every spring.

Member Jenna Kuder said this year's show was only a slight break from tradition.

"It's not usually this small or this late in the season," Kuder said. "It's usually this crazy but with better weather."

Adam Brooks provided the acrobatic segments and received the "Grand Prize for Amazing Feats of Daringness" after the show. He balanced two music stands, stacked vertically, on his chin. In his second act, he juggled balls and pins with help from an excited audience member.

Tim Walck received Second Prize for "contin-

ual entertainment." His clarinet was featured at several points before, during and after the show. He also played during transitions.

Cal Ridley received a gas card as a prize. His classical guitar act started the show.

The performers did not bother with extensive rehearsal and at times were ad-libbed.

"All acts were unexpected, unplanned and spontaneous," Amy Sarno said. Sarno acted as master of ceremonies during the show.

The fraternity offers this show as an alternative to the stressful recitals they music majors experience. "It's kind of a release from normal performance," Kuder said.

The show drew a crowd of a dozen people. Most members of the Mansfield Kappa Kappa Psi chapter attended and many performed.

"Everyone in Kappa Kappa Psi is here unless they have a prior engagement," Kuder said.

When featured, the notable final act was "Tenacious Sheep." Seven men in wigs, shorts and sports jackets performed a song by duo Tenacious D. Ridley played guitar while the others sang and tried to hold their shorts up.

The Greek Letter: Greeks contribute to campus

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By EMILEE DANIELSON

Flashlight Writer

Over the course of the semester "The Greek Letter" has taken a look at some of the things that the members of the eight social fraternities and sororities have been involved in. However, it has only scratched the surface of what these groups do, therefore it is time to take this opportunity to spell out some of the things done by social Greeks.

* This academic year, social Greeks spent more than 700 hours doing community service projects on campus and in local communities. They raised over \$500 in charitable donations

* Zeta Tau Alpha's annual "Big Man on Campus" netted over \$600 for cancer research

* Delta Zeta planned the first "Turtle Tug" to raise money for the speech and hearing impaired

* Sigma Tau Gamma completed the annual "Books for Kids" event

* In the fall of 2004 Sigma Alpha Epsilon was colonized. The brotherhood plans to complete their requirements for charter in the fall of 2005

* Greek organizations welcomed 68 new members to the family

* Alpha Sigma Tau hosted a "Battle of the Bands" on the same night they celebrated their Greek



PHOTO BY EMILEE DANIELSON

Mansfield University Greeks have participated in numerous campus activities.

Week 2005 championship

* Delta Zeta's Mandy Huber was nominated for an Outstanding Student Service Award

* In the fall of 2004, 34 members of the Greek Community had a 3.0 or higher. Fourteen members of the Greek community were recognized on the Dean's List

* Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Ted Ford and Alpha Sigma Alpha's Katie Gates were named 2005's Greek Man and Greek Woman of the Year

* Alpha Sigma Tau's Katie Heil took third place in the shot put at April's College Track Conference Championships

* The student directed play Sylvia, showing tonight in Straughn Auditorium, features a cast that is half-Greek. Four members of the Greek community participated in "The Vagina Monologues"

* Jason Kennedy and Norman Beers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Patrick Lahr of Sigma Tau Gamma are currently serving their country after deployment to the Middle East

* GERALYN MITCHELL of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Brent Sample of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Jeff Kardisco of Phi Mu Delta were recognized as Men of Strength Women of Power

* Garth Babcock of Phi Mu Delta was as the Criminal Justice Department's Outstanding Senior nominee

* Ashley Spencer of Zeta Tau Alpha, Lindsey Bailey of Delta Zeta, and Dennis Hosey and Paul Overwise of Sigma Tau Gamma were named as members of the Orientation Team for the summer of 2005

Green receives state award

By LEAH BURROUS

Flashlight Writer

Office professional, Eva Green, became the first professional from Mansfield University to receive the Gertrude E. Kopf Award of Recognition, according to press release. "I refer to it as my 15 minutes of fame," Green said.

Green needed three reference letters and a nomination to receive the award. Co-worker Mary

Lou Stroud nominated Green for the award. "She needed the recognition," Stroud said. "[She did] not know she is nominated. It is a total surprise. I think the surprise meant as much as the award."

According to a pamphlet explaining the qualifications for the nomination, "This award is presented annually to honor a Pennsylvania Association of Education Office Professionals member who has contributed outstanding service to education through the performance of their duties and responsibilities in an educational office."

One of the biggest surprises, according to Green, was her daughter appearing at the ceremony. "It was her first road trip by herself. I was very surprised she was there. I cried," Green said.

In a letter, Green thanked all the people who helped her get the award. "I am touched by the nomination and especially by all the kind words," Green said. She also mentioned hard times that she has

'SOAR'

"This program is about the empowerment of these young girls. When they attend the academy they will develop leadership skills, to have ideas for a positive future and most importantly leave SOAR with a can-do spirit," Clarke said.

The SOAR Leadership Academy has been getting a great deal of support from the region. The planning committee for SOAR consists of Mansfield faculty members, Mansfield students, Liberty High School Principal Mrs. Sharon Miller, Williamsport Area High School Principal Ms. Nayo Brown and Corning City Manager Mark Ryckman. The planning committee has promoted SOAR to 41 high schools within a 50 mile radius Mansfield is able to accommodate up to 100 girls for the leadership academy.

The planning committee gave each high school six applications for SOAR. There are no specific qualifications to apply. High schools are implementing their own requirements. Dr. Clarke said she hopes to make the SOAR Leadership Academy an annual event and also expand it statewide. She would also like to keep in contact with girls throughout the year with a newsletter.

"I want high schools to focus on girls who are diamonds in the rough, girls who will be able to do great things if they are recognized but do not always have the opportunity," Clarke said. "That is what this academy is all about, giving young women the chance to become empowered."



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Eva Green was given an award for outstanding service to education. Green is pictured above with (from left to right) Dr. Dennis Murray, Dr. Robert Timko, Erica Green and Mary Lou Stroud.

gone through and how her first PAEOP meeting changed her. "I felt my spirit rejuvenate and my attitude change. I returned to campus feeling better than I had in a long time," Green said.

Green is secretary for Communication and Theatre, Psychology and Philosophy. She is also the secretary for the Honors Program. Green manages the budget, word processes, maintains advising lists and other tasks. "I support the Faculty and the chairman," Green said, "whatever needs to be done that day."

Green has worked for the University for thirty-two years. She moved here from South Dakota.

"PAEOP is responsible for my growth both personally and professionally," Green said. "I will continue to grow and move forward because of the support PAEOP provides. I believe it is an excellent organization for office professionals in education and I am excited about its future."

What in the world

By KARA NEWCOMER

Flashlight Writer

World News

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - A helicopter crash on Thursday, April 21 killed six Americans from the security company Blackwater USA, three Bulgarian crew members and two Fijian security guards. A video released over the internet showed the remains of the crash and the shooting of the lone survivor, the pilot. The helicopter was traveling from Baghdad to Tikrit.

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL - Israel's defense minister, Shaul Mofaz, has called for a delay in the governments plans to remove Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip and some parts of the West Bank. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is expected to accept the proposal which would push the removal back until Aug. 15.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Two bombs exploded on Sunday near a Shiite mosque and a market, killing at least 16 and wounding at about 57 others. Police said the bombs seemed to be set off by remote controls. The blasts came hours after two suicide bombs exploded 15 minutes apart in Tikrit, killing at

least six people and wounding 26.

BEIJING, CHINA - Flooding has trapped 69 miners underground in Jiaohe City. The Tengda mine flooded early Sunday morning and the miners have not been heard from since. The cause of the flood is currently under investigation. In the first three months of 2005 China's mining industry endured a number of explosions and floods which killed 1,113 people.

National News

HUMPHREY, Ark. - On Thursday, April 21 a fire killed five young children and the mother of two of the children. Investigators still do not know what caused the fire in the mobile home. The other three children were at the home for a play date. Neighbors said they heard two explosions and were forced to stand outside and watch the home burn because they could not get into the mobile home.

WASHINGTON - On April 20, the House voted to allow drilling for oil in the Alaskan wilderness. This is part of an energy bill that also calls for \$8.1

billion in tax breaks over the next 10 years. Sponsors say that as much as a million barrels of oil a day could be taken from Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Environmentalists fear the harm of polar bears, caribou and other wildlife.

WASHINGTON - An Army investigation has cleared the top four out of the five from the responsibility for the abuse of detainees in Iraq prisons. The Army officers were in charge of prison policies and operations in the Iraq prisons. The only officer that was punished in the case was Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, she was given a written reprimand and relieved of her command.

FORT BRAGG, N.C - A military jury convicted Sgt. Hasan Akbar of premeditated murder and attempted murder on Thursday for killing two American soldiers and wounding 14 others in an attack on his own camp in Kuwait in March of 2003. The jury reconvenes on Monday; Akbar could potentially be sentenced to death.

*Information taken from
www.nytimes.com and
www.cnn.com*

News in a Flash: Regional News

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

PINE CITY, N.Y. - The Burgert/VanKuren Memorial 5K Run/Walk was held Sunday at Chapel Park in memory of two Bradford County sheriff's deputies that were shot and killed last year in the line of duty. Christopher M. Burgert and Michael A. VanKuren died on March 31, 2004 while trying to serve warrants at a Wells Township home. Over 700 people participated in the event which raised more than \$20,000 for memorial scholarships.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - Police are offering a \$1,000 reward for information concerning an arsonist responsible for the recent fires on the 800 block of Second St. The money is being donated by an anonymous source, according to police. Two houses on this block have been damaged due to arson in less than a year.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. - A wildfire in

Bald Eagle Township burned several acres along Dry Run Road. Several houses were in danger because of the windy and dry conditions, but the fire was controlled by firefighters. A burning ban will remain in effect for a maximum of 30 days. Anyone who violates the ban may be fined \$100 for the first offense, increasing \$100 for each additional offense.

TOWANDA, Pa. - The sentencing of Arlan F. Briggs for hindering apprehension of his son, Dustin F. Briggs, has been postponed until June. This occurred due to a possible conflict of interest concerning the District Attorney Stephen G. Downs. The judge and prosecutor both excused themselves from the murder case of Dustin Briggs because of their personal relationships with the two victims. Briggs' son was accused of killing two Bradford County police officers on March 31, 2004.

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Simple studying solutions for the stressed student

By SHAWNA TIGHE

Flashlight Writer

It is the last day in the spring semester and most students are panicking about finals week. This is definitely evident in those handfuls of students that are preparing for graduation and the encounters in the real world. What most are truly wishing for are faster and more efficient ways of studying for final exams.

There are several ways of studying. The most efficient is consistently studying throughout the semester. However, that may not be completely possible. The procrastinators begin the semester with good intentions. They swear this semester will be different. Then they find themselves in the middle of finals week, spending late hours studying, only wishing they had gotten a head start on the whole testing process.

The procrastinators find themselves here: they have procrastinated all semester and they do not want to hear that always-annoying lecture on how procrastinating

never wins. They just want to get the best grades possible in the smallest frame of time.

One approach to final exam studying is flash cards. Some students swear by them. One of the rewards of flash cards is that it takes time to fill them out with the necessary information. The brain seems to learn more from active activity. Therefore, you may tend to find yourself learning the items while writing them.

The other cards that have not yet been committed to memory are in a separate pile to consistently go over. Making piles will prevent going over any information that has already been committed to memory, like one would if just reading off paper or book materials.

Another technique would be reviewing your work, and then actively applying what you are learning to your life. When you have the chance to put the work in your own perspective, you will find that it is easier to relate to the subject. For instance, when trying to

write a research paper on a subject you have no experience in, try looking up people who have had that experience. It becomes easier to comprehend subjects when you have personal experiences to apply to them.

One more technique to try is chunking. Our mind associates certain items in numbers. It is kind of like remembering a phone number. Chunking involves taking several related items and learning them together. To use the chunking technique, go over a specific group of things until all of the items have been committed to memory.

Do not go onto a separate set of items to learn until every item in the first group has been comprehended. Continue like this throughout the entire chapters or units until all of the items have been committed to memory.

If you have tried all of these techniques and still find no results, try cramming. Some students actually do a better job when staying up all night and cramming. In that

case, be sure to load up on a hefty supply of caffeine products. Also be sure that lack of sleep does not bother you.

There are some students who cannot function on minimal amounts of sleep. For those students, understand that late night cramming is not appropriate for your body. It is necessary to find a system that works best for you.

Slowly reviewing your work over the semester generally works best. However, it is easy to lose track of time, and lose sight of gradual studying habits.

Whatever the system of studying is that you may use, do the best you can do. Do not put more stress on yourself than necessary. It is a proven fact that the less stressed a person is, the better they perform in their daily tasks.

The key is to emphasize the first word in the term final exams. Whether you are about to graduate or are just looking forward to a break in your studies, the end of the semester is near.

Exam Stress Tips

Find out in advance as much as you can about the exam.



Map out a plan in advance of all the required material you need to learn.



Prepare enough in advance that you can rest and relax the night before. Though it may sound unrealistic, you will perform better on the exam.



Do not vary from your usual routine. Try to eat, rest and sleep as you normally would.

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Student Spotlight: Kevin Woodruff

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight News Co-Editor

Kevin Woodruff is a 20-year-old self taught guitarist from Montrose, Pa. His voice has reminded some of the lead singer from Radiohead or the lead singer from Honorary Title, but for me I could not even place what it sounded like at first. It was breathy and emotional and only minutes later, it would wail with power and feeling. Throughout my years at Mansfield University, it has been hard to find local talent to keep me entertained, but I was pleasantly surprised. So surprised in fact, that I had to talk to the man himself and find out what Kevin Woodruff is all about.

Woodruff got his start when he was very young. "My mom has always been a big influence," Woodruff said. His mother started buying him guitars around the age of five. Though his mother

is a big influence, Woodruff gets a lot of his inspiration through things he has gone through as well as things his friends have gone through. He feels it is important to write about things people you care about go through. Woodruff also



PHOTO BY BRIAN WOODRUFF

Kevin Woodruff has reminded some of the lead singer from Radiohead or the lead singer from Honorary Title.

gets a lot of his musical influence from other musicians like Elliot Smith and Bob Dylan as well as the group, Bright Eyes.

Woodruff has been playing

guitar for five years and has been involved in several bands. Within the last four months, he has started a solo project that so far has been doing well. On April 29, he will be playing in State College and Night and Day Cafe has talked to him about headlining a show for them sometime next semester. Not a bad gig for someone who has only been working on going solo for four months. "I really like Night and Day," Woodruff said. "People are supportive and nice. I like the environment."

Currently, he is gathering songs and planning on getting some studio time in May. So far he has eight prospective songs, four of which were played at the open mic night at Night and Day. He usually spends about two to three hours per day practicing. "It is important to work hard put your heart into the music," Woodruff said. "Sincerity is important."

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- What is Henry Warnimont's favorite baseball team?
 - Boston Red Sox
 - Chicago White Sox
 - New York Yankees
 - Chicago Cubs
- What is Punky's real name?
 - Penelope
 - Patti
 - Phyllis
 - Precious
- Who is Cherie's grandmother?
 - Betty Johnson
 - Wanda Johnson
 - Elizabeth Johnson
 - Beverly Johnson
- How old was Henry when he found Punky?
 - 65
 - 58
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 - 64
- What is the name of the new apartment superintendent?
 - Eddie Haskell
 - Eddie Malvin
 - Marvin Edwards
 - Eddie Edwards
- What branch of the armed forces was Henry in?
 - Army
 - Navy
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 - Coast Guard
- Who was the victor in the "Miss Adorable" pageant?
 - Susie Delmonico
 - Margaux Kramer
 - Punky Brewster
 - Cherie Johnson
- Which child's parents are still together?
 - Allen Anderson
 - Margaux Kramer
 - Cherie Johnson
 - Punky Brewster
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 - An Astronaut
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 - The President
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From the desk, to the diploma: A *Flashlight* Farewell

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

After four eventful years, the end is almost here. It is hard for me to believe that I will be graduating from Mansfield University in a matter of days.

Last week, I traveled to Connecticut with a good friend of mine whom I met in Introduction to Mass Media during my freshman year. We spent the entire 11 hours in the car and much of the time over the weekend, in between touring and interviewing at ESPN, reminiscing about our time at Mansfield.

There are many things I will remember about my time at Mansfield University. I will never forget the professors, organizations and people that have been such a big part of my life in the last four years.

The faculty of the Mansfield University Communication Department is remarkable. During my tenure as a student in the department, I have had the privilege of sitting in front of many of the professors. At the beginning of this year, my colleagues elected me as a student representative for the communication department. With this

position came the opportunity to attend the faculty meetings and see exactly what goes on behind the closed door of room 312, South Hall.

Being privy to the passion those professionals display during discussions concerning the on goings of the campus, their department and students, gave me a greater sense of respect and admiration for all that they do. If every department had a quarter of the heart that the faculty of the communication department contains, Mansfield University would be second to none.

For the last three years, I have climbed through the ranks and became the leader of MUTV, WNTF-FM and *The Flashlight*. Each organization has taught me a great deal about business, the practices of the media, communication and life.

I am extremely proud to mention my involvement of all three organizations. Once I began to settle down at the University, I became immersed in my work with the aforementioned organizations. Since my involvement, I find it difficult to think of Mansfield University and not have memories or images

of MUTV, WNTF-FM or *The Flashlight* and their respective crews invade my thought process. To that, I am thankful. I have no doubt that my successors Darrin Denmon, Steve Shuster and Erica Hudock will take their respective organization to a higher level. Each one of them has the potential necessary to succeed. More important, they all possess an incredible amount of enthusiasm and passion for all that they do. For those who will be here next year, keep an eye on the campus media because each medium will be a sight to see or hear, as the case may be.

As much as I learned in class, I know that if were not for working behind the camera, microphone and editor's desk as well as the people who surrounded me, I would not be leaving Mansfield half as pleased as I will when I walk out of here in 10 days.

I truly am blessed to have so many great people in my life. Regardless of how close I am with a given person, I learn from every one I meet. The friends I have made at Mansfield will never be replaced. I consider my friends to be my family and I have the greatest family at Mansfield.

Much of my inspiration to write, especially this semester, is attributed to my friends from home. To Jeff Martinak, "Fat" Mike Shelp, Chris "Lunchbox" Singleton, Jason Smith, Josh Frayer and Kristie Homa, who will attend this University next semester; thank you for being my support group, my editors, my critics and most importantly my true family. If we part ways this summer, there will always be a place for you to stay in Bristol, Ct.

I have spent many hours in the last few weeks contemplating my final moves at Mansfield University. In many ways, I have already started making them. I have conducted my last meetings, voted in my last elections and unwillingly danced in my last formal. These next few days will be difficult for me. Saying "goodbye" to people in college is much like saying it in high school with one exception; when you leave high school, you are certain a "hello" is in the future.

This may be my last expression of thanks to everyone. Cut out these words and hang on to them for the rest of time. Their meaning will ring true forever.

I hope you have the time of your life

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight Sports Editor

As I bring my college career to a close, I am evaluating my time here. I have made my mistakes and I have learned from them. If I could do college over again, I would relax a little, not stress over my grade point average and spend more time with my friends.

In the end, the nights I have spent laughing with my friends are what matters to me most of all. Always make time for the people you care about and the people that care about you. You will regret it if you do not.

As far as school goes, give it your best. You are here to get a degree. The part that several people forget is that we are also here to get experience. The best way to do this is get involved in campus organizations.

I have learned more at *The Flashlight* than I have learned in my journalism classes. Not because the journalism classes are not up to par, but because learning for me lies in implementation. I gained experience. I learned from my peers. I built a portfolio and a strong

résumé. My time in this organization was tremendously beneficial.

Above all else, the people I have met at *The Flashlight* have taught me more than shortcuts in Quark Xpress, the layout design program that we use. They have taught me about teamwork, respect, hard work, dedication and friendship. I admire every person I have worked with here, in past semesters as well as this semester.

I do not know what is next for me. I do not know what I want. However, I know I will end up where I am supposed to be. And as for all of my friends, I know that no matter what distance is between us or how frequently we talk, they will always hold a place in my heart.

I came to Mansfield University, because it was the farthest I could be from home and still be in state. In the beginning it was probably not the best form of decision making. However, in the end it was right. You are only going to get out of something, what you put into it. I worked hard, I laughed hard and I had the time of my life.



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The Flashlight

Da Svidayna . . . for real this time

By HILLARY GRUMBINE
Flashlight News Co-Editor

So here I am, 10 days from graduating. Wow. Where has the time gone? I have been at Mansfield for five years and it is certainly time for me to graduate and move on with my life and yet there is so much I still have to say.

The Flashlight has been a part of my life for the past four and a half years. I have seen editors come and go and I have seen many changes to this newspaper over the years. It is been a privilege working with everyone I have encountered and I sincerely mean that. I am so proud of my co-editor and I know that she will be working hard on editorials to provoke thought out of the masses at Mansfield University next semester. I am leaving it in very capable hands and I am thankful for that. In a lot of ways, the newspaper is like a child to those who work there. We nurture it, help it grow and change and it is nice to know that great people will be our successors.

The Flashlight has not been the only thing I've dedicated a lot of my time to. The Mansfield University Advocacy Association has been my passion for about three years now. We are trained peer counselors for rape, abuse and sexual assault. It has been something that meant a lot to me while I have been here.

Over the years, *The Flashlight* and MUAA have helped mold me into who I am today. I have traveled

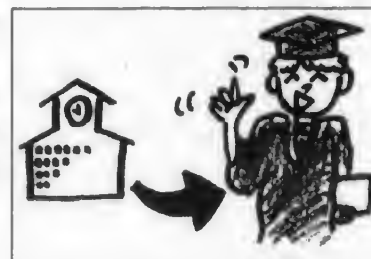
to Russia, I have grown up as a person and I am really proud to be graduating with the class of 2005. If I had to give advice about life, I would only say two words "live it." College is about doing things that challenge you, it is about getting out of your comfort zone and it is pushing your limits to see what you're really made of because until you do that, you will never know just how strong you are. Getting involved and finding out what my real passions and strengths were helped me make the best out of college. So go, live life and really experience college. Have fun with it and work hard because that is what you are here for. I can hardly believe that I will be leaving this place behind me so soon. I have many great memories and even now I am trying to savor the last days. That is because of a few people who made my years here great. Thank you Elizabeth Shaffer, "Bubba," the brothers of Eta Beta Tau and everyone who has influenced my life in the past five years, you deserve that and much, much more.

Before I know it I will be out in the "real world." I am not entirely sure where I'm going and that is ok. I'm not alone in that boat. All I do

know is that I love Ithaca, N.Y. and I intend on moving there in August. Someone once said recently that it is not about things, it is about the people you are with that make something truly great. I firmly believe that, it has been what truly made my college years and I have got some great people I will be with in Ithaca too. So wish me luck and good luck to all those graduating in 2005.



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College drinking - why Mansfield students choose to booze

By **BIJAN MANAVIZADEH**
Flashlight Writer

It is Saturday night in Mansfield and for many students, there is not much to do. There is one thing, however, drinking. This is not a public service announcement to encourage drinking, but an analysis of why people drink during the college years. Up until recently, one could find off-campus parties. Once Saint Patrick's Day hit and a large police bust occurred at one of these gatherings, underage drinking has become harder to do. When it comes to drinking, locations are limited. One can go to the bar, go home for the weekend to drink or take the risk of drinking on campus.

Before one turns of age and can go to the bar, some students go to parties where they can get cheap drinks and have fun. At college parties, drinking puts a student in a more relaxed mood, which calls for a better time. At parties, the typical drinks are usually those that can be acquired easily, like beer or punch.

Why is it that students go to parties a lot? It is important to go inside the mind of Mansfield students to see why a typical student on campus drinks.

Kathy Koretz, a junior, says

that the typical student begins to drink around the age of 20. "People drink partly due to peer pressure and also to relieve stress from their mind," Koretz said. When asked where people drink, she feels that people go to friends' apartments to drink. She started drinking once she turned 21 and did not go to parties before.

It is no surprise that Koretz said people drink to free them from stress. People do many things to rid stress, like smoke cigarettes or go to parties and it is not strange that drinking is another.

Brody Alexander, a sophomore, feels that students begin to drink freshman or sophomore year. He says students drink because it is fun and there is not much to do on campus on the weekends. "There are no clubs on the weekend; there is not even a movie theatre in town," Alexander said. "There is absolutely nothing to do besides go to Dunkin' Donuts and because there is nothing else. People turn to partying to pass the

time." According to Alexander, those who are in fraternities and sororities to become part of a crowd are under pressure to drink. Alexander has been drinking since the age of 16.

Dustin Noll, a senior, claims that the typical drinker starts when they start at the University. When asked why students drink, he said that people drink because students associate it with having a good time. Many students go to parties not necessarily to drink, but to have fun. Noll believes that many students drink when they are stressed to escape the real world of responsibility, even if they are of age and do go to the bars and not parties.

Frank Shelby, a junior, believes that the typical person begins to drink at the age they enter their first year of university studies. He says, "Some drink because of stress, some to fit in and be cool, and some just do it to do it. There is no one real rhyme or rea-

son," Shelby said.

Freshman Preston Evans feels people have stopped going to parties off-campus, which have become increasingly risky for underage students. He feels that now, many of them do it in their own rooms; a behavior that is equally risky. He began to drink when he came to college at the age of 18.

While reading, one may notice that students typically begin drinking in their first year of college. Many students do not drink during high school. One reason may be that in high school, parents are around. In college, students have the liberty of not living with their parents. In college, alcohol is more available. A student not of age can simply go to a friend over the age who can buy them the alcohol. Therefore, it is a lot easier to get it and have a party.

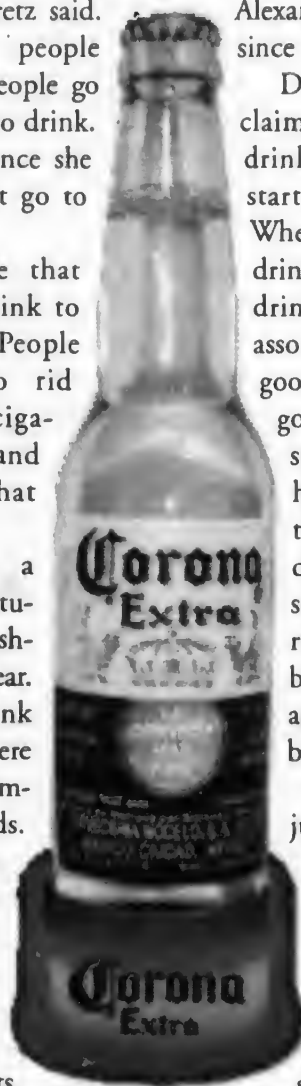
Eric Czekner, a freshman, said students begin drinking between the ages 16 and 20.

"Students drink because it has become such a stereotypical thing to do," Czekner said. "Students see movies on TV or talk to their college friends [before getting to college] and the most common thing they hear or see are the parties and students drinking, and I think it is

also a sort of a way to relax with your friends and just have a good time, a way to have fun after a stressful work week."

According to the website JoinTogether.org, alcohol increases depression and it has been known that suicides of college students include alcohol usage, which has increased to 66 percent. In addition, an instance of receiving sexually transmitted diseases increases to 60 percent with the factor of alcohol at parties. According to other statistics, 41 percent of all academic problems stem from alcohol abuse and 28 percent of the students who drop out of school may do so because of alcohol.

Drinkers, ask yourself this question: do you drink due to boredom, stress or peer pressure? It may not be possible to draw an answer from these reasons, except that they may be a mixture of all the reasons. As you enter the professional world, it is important to ask yourself the benefits and consequences of drinking and binge-drinking. If the consequences outweigh the benefits, it may be time to kick the habit. If binge-drinking or constant drinking has become a problem at the university level, get help by contacting your local support or help group at your campus.



A call to all? The hidden message behind Pope Benedict XVI

By **TRAVIS CORTER**
Flashlight Writer

Pope Benedict XVI was officially inaugurated as acting Pope in Rome just outside of St. Peter's Basilica last Sunday.

More than 300,000 people filled the square outside the basilica. The ceremony was broadcast online, on television and on the radio. Many countries witnessed the birth of a new era for the Catholic Church.

This has affected Catholic students and faculty at Mansfield University in different ways. Mansfield sophomore Andrew Gleason said he has no doubts the cardinals made the right decision in electing Benedict. "I think Benedict has always tried to do the right thing. That will not change," Gleason said.

[Benedict's conservative stance has Catholics wondering how he will unify the Church.]

Benedict is not like other popes. He is 78-years-old, making

him the oldest pope in 300 years to be elected to lead the Catholic Church. Benedict served as prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith from 1981 to the present. During his time as prefect, Benedict reinforced strict doctrines that frowned upon liberal views of the scriptures.

What makes Benedict perhaps more different from any preceding pope is that, according to St. Malachy's Prophecy, Benedict is the next to last pope before what unfulfilled Bible prophecy called the Tribulation, which is prophesied to lead to the end of the world.

The prophecy was written in 1139 A.D. According to the prophecy, the final pope will be Peter of Rome. St. Malachy predicted this pope will rule during the tribulation. The prophecy also states that Peter will usher in the anti-Christ prophesied in scripture. This would be a man who claims to

be the Messiah.

While most scholars do not believe Malachy's prophecy will come true, the prophecy has been accurate thus far. Malachy predicted the order of the final 111 popes who would rule the Catholic Church. The names and descriptions of each of them have been accurate to date, including that of the current Pope Benedict XVI.

Each pope's name has a brief Latin description in front of it in the prophecy. For example, Pope John Paul I's saying was, "From the Half of the Moon." Pope John Paul I was born during the moon's last quarter. He also died during the moon's last quarter after leading for thirty-three years.

The prophecy called Pope John Paul II, "From the Labor of the Sun." Like the sun travel-



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Pope Benedict XVI began his papacy at age 78 on April 19, 2005.

ing around the earth, we know Pope John Paul II traveled all over the world. Malachy's prophecy states Pope John Paul II was the 110th pope of the 111 before the tribulation.

Malachy believed the 111th pope would be called Benedict XVI. The phrase written for this pope is, "From the Glory of the Olive." This predicts the current pope, Pope Benedict XVI, will be a pope of peace.

The last pope on Malachy's list is Peter of Rome. The prophecy claims this will be the first pope to call himself Peter since Jesus anointed Peter as the first pope of the Church.

The prophecy also states this pope will lead the Catholic Church during the tribulation and accept the anti-Christ as the second coming of the Messiah. It is prophesied that Peter the Roman will lead his people through the tribulation before "the Judge" judges Rome.

Is this a fact? Not necessarily. This is currently speculation. It is still unfulfilled prophecy. However, Malachy has been correct about 111 popes. In a world where anything can happen, it may be hard to take this prophecy lightly.

The road ahead: How long will America have gas?

By ERIC MOWERY

Flashlight Writer

It comes as no shock to the consumer that gas prices have risen considerably in the past couple of years and, with gas prices going up and down constantly in these past couple of months, gas prices are rumored to soar to anywhere between 25 cent to 75 cent by summer's end. With that in mind, vacationing this summer might prove to be even more costly and may also have an impact on the amount tourism seen in many summer hot spots.

But why have gas prices soared in these past couple of years? A number of factors could play a part in explaining this. In recent years, the SUV has become one of the most popular vehicles purchased on the market and, for those unaware, SUVs consume gasoline in large amounts. So with more people purchasing more gasoline, availability goes down while demand goes up. Despite the fact the prices are so high, the average consumer purchases almost twice the amount of gasoline that they did in 1980, when gas was at an all time high throughout the country.

Placing the blame solely on the SUV; however, is not correct. While

they definitely have an impact on the market, it is the crude oil companies that have a major impact on increase in gas prices. According to an article written by Kevin Bonsor and Ed Grabianowski called *How Gas Prices Work*, the single largest entity impacting the world's oil supply is the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries or OPEC. Consisting of 11 countries, they are responsible for 40 percent of the world's oil production and two thirds of the world's oil reserves so when they feel the need to raise the price of crude oil they simply reduce production. With a short supply, gas prices ultimately go up and looking at how much Americans actually consume in gas per year, 65 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, it can and will come with a hefty price tag. Pollution reduction also plays a part in price increases as more and more states are refining the oil to help cut down the amount of smog gasoline creates.

So what is being done to combat the high price of fuel? It may seem, to the eyes of the average person, that nothing is being accomplished to counter the growing dependability on crude oils. For many years it has been rumored that certain companies have had

access to engines that run without the need of gasoline or diesel fuel. Such talk has generated a certain amount of hype going along the lines of, "Why can they release these engines and cars to the public?" It would make sense in a world so dependent on fossil fuels for a company to unveil something that could potentially save the consumer thousands of dollars and also, put them at the top of the game. But putting it in simpler turns, it's not that easy.

Since 1970, BMW has been working on a car that runs solely on hydrogen. This car proves to be efficient, reliable, good for the environment and has even won awards at various automotive conventions. With that in mind, what is the delay in releasing such a vehicle that could change the way we go from place to place? Perhaps, the fear is change itself.

With the release of this new modern miracle, other areas of our economy will be affected. Hydrogen filling stations will have to be built all over the country and even their availability may be sparse at first so location would be a problem. Existing gasoline suppliers would also feel the burn and those who could not afford to buy



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What does the future hold for fuel? Will gas be a thing of the past?

a car that runs on hydrogen would have to deal with more and more increases in gasoline prices due to a drop in sales. BMW is still working hard at finding ways to remedy solutions and even further advancements in the development of the hydrogen will happen in years to come.

So the country may not be seeing the BMW hydrogen car at the local dealership in the next

couple of months but for those planning to travel anyway, newmaterials.com lists tire rotation, air conditioner and coolant system checks, air filter and engine checks all good ways to cut down on driving expenses that may occur this summer. So if you are planning a trip, have your car inspected, map out your destination ahead of time and be sure to have a safe and wonderful summer break.

How will high gas prices affect your summer plans?



Name: Jake Burke

Year: Senior

"I do a lot of traveling by Greyhound buses. I have seen an increase in their ticket prices due to the increased gas prices."



Name: Brianna Strobe

Year: Junior

"If gas prices stay the same, it will be fine for me to travel. If they continue to rise, I will end up staying here for all of the summer."



Name: John Janosik

Year: Sophomore

"I think high gas prices will affect my summer plans greatly. It looks like gas prices are just getting higher. It is all going downhill."



Name: Dara Williams

Year: Sophomore

"I think it will keep me restricted to my home town. I won't be able to go many places because I depend on my family for gas money."



Name: Jamie Pollot

Year: Freshman

"Over the summer I am just going to work, so the high prices will not really affect me at all. I don't have any plans for summer road trips or other travel."

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editor's desk"



By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

My time at Mansfield University is ticking down toward its inevitable halt. However, I still have one more editorial to write. One last chance to enlighten the Mansfield masses. One last shot, albeit a long shot at greatness at Mansfield University. Perhaps most importantly, I have one last lesson to purvey. In all of the education I have received at this institution, I have learned nothing greater than the message I am about to pass on.

Never, under any circumstance, limit yourself, especially in higher education.

During my first year, I lacked the determination necessary to succeed both academically and socially. I had to work extremely hard the following year to make up for my lackadaisical first attempt at education. In doing so, I became involved in three organizations, each of which mean a great deal to me.

As my sophomore year progressed, I took steps toward leadership in WNTF-FM and MUTV, music director and vice president, respectively. Along with those positions, I became a regular sports writer for *The Flashlight*. Add 18 credits of classes and, to most, this may seem like a heavy load. I, on the other hand, felt it necessary. After all, I had a year of slacking to atone for.

I enjoy pushing myself to extremes. I work in the dietary department at a nursing home in Endicott, N.Y. Working in a poorly ventilated kitchen and dish room in July and

You are the designers of your fate at the collegiate level; set your sights high

August can be a test of will and endurance. There were some weeks where I was expected and needed to work over 60 hours. Sure, there were a few times when I would have rather been sleeping at 5:30 a.m. or playing baseball at 6 p.m. that same day, but the residents needed nourishment and I made a commitment to serve. However, I was always thirsty for more hours and harder work because at the end of the day, I felt good.

That has been my mindset with every task handed to me in the past three years, organizational or academic.

At the close of my sophomore year, I became assistant general manager at WNTF-FM, thus increasing the amount of work. Five weeks into the start of my junior year, I took a spot on the editorial board of *The Flashlight* as copy editor. Without giving a second thought to my current workload, I accepted. That decision carries no regret.

As the year wound down and I began planning my candidacy for the top spot at WNTF-FM, I learned that I was the future sports editor of *The Flashlight*. After accepting the editorial post, I became the general manager of the radio station. Because of previous work with my predecessors at WNTF-FM and *The Flashlight*, I knew what to expect from each position and what the organizations expected from me.

However, at that time, one naysayer made his views about my campus involvement extremely clear.

Throughout my sophomore

and junior year, I befriended a professor in the communication department. For two years, he assessed my work and gave me his honest, yet often ruthless, opinions. Immediately after congratulating me on my newfound position at the radio station, this unnamed and now former professor in the communication department issued his thoughts to me via e-mail.

"I gotta tell you, however, that IF I were your Advisor I would MAKE you quit the newspaper now. I'm telling you this because...YOU CANNOT DO BOTH. It's physically and psychically IMPOSSIBLE. I know you won't listen but this is a point in your life where you HAVE to choose to do one thing well or both things badly and have everyone hate you. YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME and resign your managerial post with the paper. Write if you must but DO NOT MANAGE BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. Have I made my feelings clear? I know you won't like it but it's the absolute honest truth and the only reasonable thing for me to say to you besides "congratulations." Give someone else a chance to shine now that you obtained both goals, too. (P.S. I TRULY don't think you realize how much time Brandon [Navrocki, the former General Manager of WNTF-FM] needs in an given week for the station. I spend a minimum of five hours a week, he probably averages twenty thankless hours. YOU CAN'T GIVE US THAT, do your homework, find an internship someday, date/drink, AND manage at The

Flashlight. You just can't and you'll regret it the rest of your life. Please, do the right thing, bud."

The above is a direct quote from a once respected professor. That excerpt hangs directly above my office at WNTF-FM. It serves one purpose, motivation.

Those words just added fuel to the flame that is my work ethic. I wanted more than anything, to prove to him and every doubter in my life including co-workers, my family, friends and foes that I was capable of handling anything.

A semester after that message, I became the President of MUTV and, obviously, the Editor-in-Chief of *The Flashlight*. Since taking the reigns as "Ted Turner," as many of my friends and co-workers have labeled me, each organization has made many positive strides en route toward total success. I could not be prouder of the staffs of each group. If not for the hard work put forth by them, who knows where each Mansfield medium would be.

Throughout life, one will encounter many cynics who want nothing more than to spread their negativity through jealousy simply to destroy your perseverance and confidence.

Words are only words. If there is one thing I learned at Mansfield University, it is that; everyone is entitled to their own opinions about what quests you can conquer. However, when all is said and done, only you can set your limits. Success is in your hands.

Thanks for reading my column.

Letter to the Editor: Get yourself involved in the community

I am writing this article about something that really opened my eyes earlier this month, the amount of struggling families in Tioga County.

I attended a program a few weeks ago that featured the Seeds of Hope Partners. Seeds of Hope is a non-profit organization that helps needy families around Tioga county. I have never participated in charity work before. I honestly attended the program because a friend was in a group for Public Relations that invited Seeds of Hope to come speak on campus, and she wanted a larger audience. When I got there and started hearing the stories about fam-

ilies around Tioga County, a feeling came over me. (Let me just tell you that I come from a good family, and money was never a problem). I almost felt guilty. I'm always complaining how broke I am, but I still buy groceries every week and other necessities. Some families around here can't afford to buy groceries once a month, let alone once a week.

There were three speakers at the program I attended. Each one of the speakers told stories that involved young children. Children that slept on a floor every night, children that slept in rooms that were below freezing tem-

peratures. These stories hit me the most.

After the program, I picked up a volunteer sign-up sheet and I plan on signing up to become a mentor for young children. Whether it's taking them out for ice cream or just playing catch with them, I feel I would be a big help.

What I want to get across with this article is having young adults get involved with charity. Every little thing you can do will help someone whether you know it or not.

Signed,
Eric Rhodes

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Commentary:**Mansfield University: I challenge you to speak up**

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

As my time at Mansfield is drawing to a close, I was torn between writing some sort of sentimental piece on how great my years here were and how I made friends and had experiences that were unforgettable. While all this is true, I think I will instead commit the ultimate act of cowardice and do the following: There are things at Mansfield University that absolutely need to be addressed that I failed to write on out of fear for retribution or mass public outcry. Thus, in the name of burning bridges and saying something without fear of repercussion, I will pose a few challenges to Mansfield University.

I challenge Mansfield University to learn the difference between diversity and community. For a state in rural, northern Pennsylvania, it is admirable to have a student body as diverse as it is. We truly do have students from all walks of life. We also have an extremely segmented student population. I have said it before that education is not simply just a means of getting job training, but a clarifying the lens through which we view the world. As

such, it is important not to only develop a "tolerance" of other lifestyles and backgrounds; this is a small step. What is important is to realize the goals, values and history that we as a campus, as students, as faculty and as administrators share and to work together for the promotion of them. My feeling is that this step has yet to be taken at Mansfield. I am not preaching some sort of idealistic, free love and harmony situation, but when I walk into a class on the state of race relations in America and all students sit in groups of ethnicities, there is a point not being made.

I challenge Mansfield University to endeavor to improve communication between students, faculty and administration. Sometimes it seems as though the administration would prefer not to leave their scary haunted mansion and become involved with the students and faculty. Simply presenting a five minute speech at a conference hosted at the university, or simply attending theatrical and musical performances is not enough. In order to care about the students, and in order to care about the faculty, you have to know them. Not only do you

have to know the top performers and outstanding seniors, those students will always be there and always be valuable; as administrators it is important to know and interact with the students who are dissatisfied, disinterested, or not participating. Many times these students have valuable things to say but feel that their complaints will fall on deaf ears. It is been a long time since I recall even hearing about a forum with students that really truly matters. If you want real input, you have to hit the streets and hit the dorms.

I challenge Mansfield University to realize that, as a university, we are stagnant. I realize that we live in times of shrinking budgets, but we are also living in a time of a lack of creativity when approaching problems and a lack of creativity in academic development. It is depressing to listen to faculty reminisce about the "old days" of Mansfield University where new and exciting programs were developing and departments were working together to better the educational quality as opposed to being pit against each other in a battle for funding. While the bot-

tom line is important and the amount of people in chairs is also important, if Mansfield develops exciting programs that are worthwhile, reputable, and unique, the people will come. I think Mansfield is becoming old and tired.

If I have one regret at Mansfield University it is that I was not nearly as active as I could and should have been. Every one of my criticisms can certainly be applied directly to me. It is easy to write about things, it is harder to act on them. I know that I should have done more and I will carry that with me into my future activities and endeavors. So this brings me to my final challenge: Academic life can suck the passion out of you as time passes by. I challenge the students, faculty, and administrators to be excited about where they are. If you aren't excited about where you are or what you're doing, it is up to you to make it that way, you have a duty to make it better, if only for yourself and nobody else. I think that's a challenge for life in general. There, there's my sentimental graduating advice for everyone. Be passionate. If you are not feeling passionate then something is most definitely wrong.

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NFL Draft: the good, the bad and the surprising

By SHANE WILBER
Flashlight Sports Writer

Last weekend the National Football League Draft took place in New York. Collegiate football players Alex Smith, Aaron Rodgers, Cedric Benson, Braylon Edwards and many others were in attendance to hear their name called in the first round of the draft. Finally, all the talk about who would be the No. 1 pick would end. At 12:10 p.m., the San Francisco 49'ers were put on the clock with 15 minutes to decide who would be the first overall pick of the 2005 NFL Draft.



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Alex Smith, quarterback from the University of Utah, was the first NFL draft pick of 2005.

thought the Miami Dolphins early in the second round. However, as fate would have it he kept sliding down the draft board and right into the arms of the Green Bay Packers.

The Packers have been aware they are going to be in need of replacing current quarterback, Brett Favre. Rodgers could not ask for a better situation. He gets to sit for a year and learn from possibly the best quarterback of our era, Brett Favre.

Smith may have went No. 1, but Rodgers inherits a tremendously better situation, in Green Bay, than he would have gotten with San Francisco.

Two other surprises of the day came with the No. 10 pick in the draft when the Detroit Lions took Mike Williams. Williams, a big play receiver from the University of Southern California, was higher on some teams' draft boards than Edwards. When Williams fell to the No. 10 pick the Lions could not pass up on drafting another receiver in the first round for the third consecutive year. The two previous being Charles Rogers in 2003 and Roy Williams in 2004.

The shock of the day came at the end of the third round when Maurice Clarett was drafted by the Denver Broncos at pick No. 101. Clarett, a running back from Ohio State University, has tried to redesign his image after letting it become tarnished with all of his off the field actions. Many Head Coaches in the NFL were skeptical of whether or not Clarett could play in the NFL, but Denver Coach Mike Shanahan decided to

take the risk that other coaches would not. Clarett could not ask for a better situation than the Denver Broncos. The Broncos have a great reputation over the past eight years of being able to plug in a running back in their starting lineup. Clarett will eventually have 1,000 yards rushing by the end of the season.

The hidden gems of the draft could be two of the quarterbacks taken in the later rounds. In round three, Charlie Frye, quarterback from the University of Akron was selected by the Cleveland Browns. Frye gives the Browns a young arm with great upside. He also fills a need as quarterback on the depth chart after the Browns lost Jeff Garcia and Kelly Holcomb to Free Agency.

Another quarterback that could be a hidden gem is Kyle Orton from Purdue University. Orton was a front-running Heisman candidate after the first five weeks of the college football season, but was unable to have a successful second half of the season that included three losses to Big Ten opponents. Orton has great arm strength and intelligence that could prove to be a great asset for the Chicago Bears who selected Orton in the fourth round.

Another year and another NFL Draft has come and gone. It was great to have a weekend where football fans can get together and watch their teams pick players that could be an improvement or total bust to their team. Either way, with every pick the discussions about whether the current selection is a good fit for that particular team are constant.

NFL Draft weekend is long and tiring. However, in the end a true football fan realizes they just endured their final taste of football until the end of July, when the pre-season begins. In pre-season the fans finally get to see how well the drafted rookies perform on the field. No matter how much people would like to believe that football season is only a six month affair, for myself and the other fans of football, the season begins in April and does not end until the Super Bowl is played the following year.



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What a year in sports

By JOSH WARNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

As Mansfield University is preparing to end another school year, let us take a look at national sports.

At the beginning of the year, Major League Baseball was coming to an end. As usual, the New York Yankees win the American League East and the Boston Red Sox finish in second place, winning the Wild Card. The Yankees and Sox met in the American League Championship Series. As usual, the Yankees had the Sox against the wall and were ready to eliminate them. This year, however, the Boston Red Sox made history by coming back from a 3-0 deficit in the ALCS. This was the first time in baseball history that the Sox beat the Yankees in the ALCS and moved onto the World Series.

At the World Series, the Red Sox met the St. Louis Cardinals, who defeated the Houston Astros to make it to the World Series. Four games later, the Sox destroyed "The Curse" as they won their first World Series in 86 years. As sports fans watched the Red Sox charge the mound after the last out at first was recorded, they knew this was going to be a special year.

From baseball to college football, the Bowl Championship Series attempted to create the perfect national championship game. Undefeated University of Southern California played undefeated University of Oklahoma to determine the best in college football. while Auburn University and University of Utah, the other undefeated teams, made strong cases to go to the national championship game. Each made their claim as they both won their bowl games. Oklahoma was not able to do so, being destroyed by USC, 55-19. To make matters worse for the Division I-A football world, Matt Leinart, the

reigning Heisman Trophy winner and two-time national champion, decided to stay for one more year. For all those college football fans that were hoping their team had a shot at the national championship in the upcoming season, you will have to wait for at least one more year.

Speaking of football, the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots did what they did the year before and won another Super Bowl. Their third Super Bowl win in four years. The Patriots made history, carrying over their winning streak from last year. The Pats won 23 straight games before losing to the Pittsburgh Steelers, who they eventually met in the American Football Conference Championship Game.

The Patriots did not let history repeat itself and defeated the Steelers, moving on to the Super Bowl to face the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles were led by Donovan McNabb and a returning Terrell Owens, who broke his leg earlier in the season. The Eagles kept it close, however, when McNabb got sick, the Eagles lost it, eventually losing to the Patriots, 24-21. With this victory, the Patriots entered the dynasty club.

Going from a new dynasty to an old one. The Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association were a commanding force in the early part of the millennium, winning three straight NBA Championships and going to four of the last five NBA championships between the years of 2000 and 2004. That dynasty was torn apart as Shaquille O'Neal and Phil Jackson left L.A. because management determined that the face of the team would be Kobe Bryant. O'Neal went to the Miami Heat and Jackson retired. Bryant fell short and did not make the playoffs this season.

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On the sidelines with second baseman Eric Baker

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University Mountaineer baseball team is off to a 26-15 record and a 12-4 second place record in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference this season thanks in part to staff aces, Kane Stein (7-0) and Adam Lorson (6-3) and powerful hitting from the beginning of their lineup.

Their captain, first baseman D.J. Hoshauer, leads the Mountaineers in two power categories. Hoshauer ranks first on the Mansfield squad with 55 RBIs and first in the PSAC in home runs with 14.

However, Mountaineer second baseman Eric Baker refuses to be overshadowed this season. The 2005 campaign has been a successful season thus far for Baker. The senior leads the Mountaineers in six offensive categories including batting average (.504), hits (70), runs (58), doubles (17) and stolen bases (16). Baker has also clubbed eight home runs, collected 48 RBIs and has been issued 25 free passes.

After helping the Mountaineers earn 31 victories last season and capture the PSAC East title, the senior second baseman will not settle for anything less than a dominant final farewell.

Michael Peters: What is your year and major?

Eric Baker: I am a senior and my major is Liberal Studies.

MP: Where are you from?

EB: Apalachin, N.Y.

MP: How old are you?

EB: 22-years-old.

MP: Why did you decide to come here to Mansfield University?

EB: I came to Mansfield because of the baseball program.

MP: What is your favorite sport besides baseball?

EB: Hockey.

MP: When did you begin playing baseball?

EB: I started playing baseball as soon as I could walk from what my parents told me, but I started playing organized at the age of five.

MP: What position(s) do you play?

EB: I play second base.

MP: How did you end up there?

EB: Well back when I was 12, my buddy and I both played shortstop and when we got on a travel team together one of us had to play second and the other had to play short and I just said I would move over to second and I have played there ever since.

MP: Did you ever participate in any other sports?

EB: Yes, I played basketball and soccer in high school.

MP: Have you won any awards?

EB: Yes, I have.

MP: What is your favorite part of being on the team?

EB: The friends that you make.

MP: How do you feel after you hit a home run?

EB: I feel pumped.

MP: Would you rather hit a home run or make a great play in the field?

EB: Well I would have to say it would depend on the

situation of the game.

MP: What keeps you going strong?

EB: Just the fact that I have been doing it for so long that it is apart of me and I know it will end one day. I like to play like it is my last day out there.

MP: Is there anything you do before a game, like a routine or superstition?

EB: I listen to music before every game to get me focused whether we are on the road or at home.

MP: What one thing you learned from playing baseball that you will carry on with you in your future?

EB: No matter how bad of a day you had at the park the next one will be better, just like in everyday life. If you have a bad day the next one will be better than the last.

MP: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

EB: Well I am not too sure but I know I will be around the game of baseball in one way or another.

MP: Is there a motto or saying that you live or play by?

EB: Play every out like it is your last.

MP: How is the team going to do this season?

EB: We will be right there in the hunt for the PSAC title at the end of the year

MP: What one piece of advice would you give to student athletes?

EB: Don't ever give up on your dreams no matter what anyone has to say about them.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Eric Baker has hit eight home runs and collected 48 RBIs this season.

Track and Field team's finish third at CTC meet

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

Both Mansfield University Outdoor Track and Field teams placed third at the CTC Outdoor Championship at DeSales University on Saturday. Five school records were toppled during the meet.

The men's team was paced by Joe Trapani's performance in the 5k racewalk. Trapani destroyed the field and the school record with a time of 24:26.90. Mansfield Head Track and Field Coach Michael Rohl was not surprised by Trapani's effort. "Joe was dominant," Rohl said. "That was what we expected from him."

Also dominant once again was Chris Cummings. The sophomore won the 1,500-meter in 4:05.45. Jeremy Confer was a winner as well, with a javelin throw of 51.58 meters.

The 4 x 800 relay team of Keith Drummond, Jon Holtz, Josh Wooten and Chris Cummings was victorious, posting

a time of 8:01.60. Rohl was especially encouraged by the relay team's performance. "Keith did a great job of sticking to the race plan," Rohl said, "and Josh Wooten looked like the old Josh Wooten." Wooten placed second in the steeplechase and Adam Keir finished second in the decathlon.

It was the relay teams that dominated the day for the women. The 4 x 100, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 teams all set new school records. The 4 x 400 team of Marisa Lucero, Amanda Fedish, Katrina Brumfield and Steph Cadwell finished first in a time of 4:08.89. The 4 x 800 squad of Nicole Dann, Rachel Hall, Charity Learn and Damalla Hayward posted a second place time of 9:55.29. The 4 x 100 grouping of Fedish, Brumfield, Lucero and Meghan Kerr finished third in 50.67.

Lucero also contributed with a win in the 400, with Cadwell finishing right behind her teammate. Her second place win was just a piece of Cadwell's phenomenal performance.

The senior placed second in the heptathlon, second in the long jump, fourth in the triple jump and eighth in the high jump. Cadwell alone accounted for 40 Mansfield points.

Nicole Dann and Jamie Sweitzer came in with second place results, in the 800 and the 3k racewalk. Learn qualified for the P S A C Championships with her 4:50.53 time in the 1,500.

The athletes get back to the track for the Penn Relays from April 28 through April 30.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Stephanie Caldwell is one of three seniors on the female outdoor track and field team this season.

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Mountaineers sweep the Marauders

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University softball team entered the final week of the regular season in desperation mode. Mansfield needed to win their two home games vs. Millersville University and hope for four Kutztown losses in games against Bloomsburg and East Stroudsburg Universities.

Before the Lady Mountaineers worried about Kutztown, Mansfield had to take care of their business against the Marauders of Millersville University on Senior Day at Lutes Field. RBI singles by Heather Long and Alison Tagliaferri gave Mansfield a 2-0 lead after the first inning. A three run homerun by Sytira Seitz highlighted a four run second inning that increased the Mountaineer advantage to 6-0.

That was more than enough for the senior Alison Tagliaferri on



SPORTS INFORMATION

Heather Long went 1-2 with one RBI and two runs in her final home game as a Mountaineer.

the mound. Tagliaferri took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before settling for a one-hitter as the Mountaineers cruised to a 6-0 triumph. Tagliaferri, the reigning Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Player of the

Week improved her record to 7-4 on the season.

Game two was more of the same for Mansfield as another senior dominated on the pitching rubber. Amy Martino threw a three hit shutout in her final home start for Mansfield. The run support came a little bit later for Martino than it had for Tagliaferri in the opener. The Mountaineers put four runs on the board in the fourth and fifth innings despite getting only one hit, a Shana Markwis RBI single. The 4-0 win kept Mansfield's PSAC Tournament hopes briefly alive.

However, the hopes of the Mountaineers were soon dashed upon learning of Kutztown's 5-3 win over Bloomsburg. With Monday's doubleheader against Indiana University of Pennsylvania cancelled, Mansfield's regular season ended with a record of 24-13-1 overall and 11-12-1 in the PSAC East. Mansfield will take that

record to the mercy of the voters who will determine whether the Mountaineers will earn a berth into the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Regionals.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Alison Tagliaferri threw a one-hitter in seven innings of work. She struck out eight batters and walked one.

'SPORTS'

From one dynasty crumbling to another dynasty laying the ground work to return to greatness, the Chicago Bulls return to the playoffs for the first time since Michael Jordan led the Bulls to the NBA Championship over the Utah Jazz in 1998.

With all these sporting events, there is one sport missing: hockey. The National Hockey League was locked out by its owners. Therefore they did not have a season this year. For fans that are hoping for hockey next year, do not hold your breath. The players union and the owners are far from reaching an agreement. If there is a season, it might be with replacement players.

When you look back at the sporting year, there are always setbacks. This year, it was steroids. Major League Baseball has been and still is, under investigation by Congress for steroid use. The controversy was brought to light by Jose Canseco in his book 'Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big.' Because of all these allegations, especially against Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, Mark McGwire and other athletes. Many sports fans believe that baseball has been tarnished because of all the lying, not only in baseball, but also in other sports. Even Lance Armstrong, the six-time Tour De France champion, has been under the focus of steroid accusations.

Speaking of Lance Armstrong, he is among other athletes who have announced their retirement from sports. Armstrong announced that after the upcoming Tour De France, he will retire from cycling.

In the National Basketball Association, Reggie Miller and Karl Malone both announced their retirement from professional sports. Although Malone did not play this year, he will retire the second leading scorer in NBA history. Miller's career is not quite over yet, as the Indiana Pacers are in the playoffs.

With all these sports memories, you have to wonder what will be in store for us in the upcoming year. Will the Red Sox win another World Series? Will the Philadelphia Eagles ever win the Super Bowl? Will Kobe prove he is the right choice in Los Angeles? How about steroids, where will this saga go? All we know, is that it will be a very exciting year in sports.

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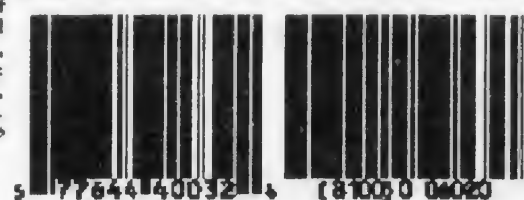


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Mountaineers take two games from West Chester and one from Ithaca to clinch a spot in the PSAC playoffs

By MICHAEL PETERS

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The Mansfield University Mountaineer baseball team clinched a playoff berth last weekend after a split with the West Chester University Golden Rams, clinching second place in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Mansfield and West Chester squared off for the first of back-to-back doubleheaders on Friday at Shaute Field. The first place Golden Rams showed the Mountaineers why they are standing atop the East division in the first game, winning 22-9.

Mansfield countered Golden Rams catcher Brett Wallace's second inning RBI single with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Catcher Scott Erickson drove in the first Mountaineer run with a single, scoring third baseman Stuart Sumner. Second baseman and three-time PSAC East Player of the Week Eric Baker singled to load the bases for left fielder Brett Shockloss. The junior outfielder connected for a two-RBI single to put the Mountaineers up, 3-1.

West Chester opened the floodgates in the third inning, scoring nine runs off Mansfield starting pitcher Nick Grove (4-4) to go ahead, 10-3. The inning, highlighted by a grand slam from Rams left fielder Ben White, featured four extra base hits including a leadoff home run by right fielder John Molyneux and back-to-back RBI doubles from first basemen Nate Guers and second baseman Mike LaRosa.

After White doubled in a run in the top of the fourth inning for West Chester, the Mountaineers scored four times in the bottom half, closing the gap to four, 11-7. Erickson singled home another runner, center fielder J.D. Druckenmiller. Baker followed

with a single, driving in two Mountaineers. Baker would come around to score on an error.

On the back of a grand slam by shortstop Joey Yeager, the Rams scored five runs in the fifth inning to pull away with the victory. West Chester added three runs in the sixth and seventh innings, respectively. Designated hitter Mark Gilliford launched a three-run home run in the seventh inning to add insult to injury, as West Chester was victorious in the first of four.

Mansfield's Adam Lorson continued to dominate his opponents, as he led the Mountaineers to a 7-0 victory over the Golden Rams in the second game of Friday's doubleheader.

Lorson (6-3) scattered seven hits while collecting three strikeouts in his second shutout.

The Mountaineers struck first on a groundout by first baseman D.J. Hoshauer, scoring Baker from third base.

Mansfield put four runs on the scoreboard in the third inning. Shockloss sent right fielder Dan Phillips home on an RBI single. Hoshauer followed Shockloss with an RBI double to score Baker. After designated hitter Colby Rickabaugh popped up to the third baseman, Druckenmiller collected two RBIs on a double that sent Shockloss and Hoshauer home to give Mansfield a 5-0 advantage.

Catcher Kevin Rollins opened the Mansfield sixth inning with a solo home run, his first of the season. Hoshauer, who doubled for his third hit of the game, scored on an RBI single off the bat of Rickabaugh to cast the final blow and even up the doubleheader at one game apiece.

The teams traveled to West Chester to play the second doubleheader at Serpico Stadium.

Kane Stein, the ace of their

pitching staff, led the Mountaineers to the field in search of a PSAC playoff berth.

The Mountaineers scored two runs in the first inning to take the initial lead, 2-0. Baker and Shockloss opened the game with consecutive singles. After West Chester's starting pitcher Frank Gailey stuck out Hoshauer, Rickabaugh drove in two runners with a two-RBI double.

Center fielder Ryan Flynn drove in the Golden Rams first run with an RBI single scoring third baseman Dan Toner in the second inning. The Rams tied the Mountaineers after Stein issued one of his four walks to Guers with the bases loaded.

Stein and Gailey duelled into the eighth inning until the Mountaineers notched the go ahead run in the top half of the inning. With one out, Hoshauer doubled to begin the Mansfield rally. Rickabaugh followed with a ground ball to the shortstop for the second out of the inning. Druckenmiller brought Hoshauer around to score on an RBI double to take the 3-2 advantage.

Stein pitched the extra frame in search of the playoff berth. Despite hitting two batters with two outs, Stein secured the victory with a Flynn fly out. With the win, Stein (7-0) finished his regular season with an unblemished record.

For a moment, Mansfield and West Chester shared the PSAC East lead with 12-3 division records. However, with a shutout from starting pitcher Kyle Frees, the Golden Rams took the teams' final contest, 4-0 and sole possession of the division lead.

The Rams offense, sparked by three base hits, put three runs on the board in the second inning. Sandwiched between RBI singles from Toner and Molyneux, Flynn knocked an

RBI tripled to center field. The Rams led 3-0 going into the fourth inning.

After Gilliford doubled to left field and Wallace singled, West Chester plated their final run in the bottom of the fourth inning on a throwing error by Wurster, his thirteenth of the season.

Despite a complete game eight-hit performance by starting pitcher Matt Allegretto (2-3), the Mountaineers were unable to take control of the game and the division lead.

The Mountaineer offense was only able to notch two into the hit column. Designated hitter David Meldrum was the only Mountaineer to reach first base via the hit, as he was 2-3 from the plate with two singles.

Frees (5-2) mastered the Mansfield offense, throwing seven innings while walking two hitters and striking out five. Frees faces two batters (23) over the minimum (21).

The Mountaineers traveled to Ithaca College to face the Bombers in a non-conference match. Powered by two-hit performances by five players including two home runs by Erickson (2), the Mansfield defeated Ithaca, 11-7.

Erickson launched his first home in the top of the second inning with two men on to give the Mountaineers a 3-1 lead.

Baker put Mansfield on the board in the fourth inning with a three-run home run (8) of his own.

Druckenmiller (2) took his turn in the home run derby in the fifth inning with a solo shot.

Erickson connected on his second home run of the game and his collegiate career in the seventh inning. The catcher had four RBIs on the day.

Rickabaugh and Wurster



SPORTS INFORMATION

Kane Stein (7-0) is pitching in his second season with the Mountaineers. He leads the starters with a 2.30 ERA

joined Erickson, Baker and Druckenmiller with two hits in against the Bombers pitching staff.

Starting pitcher Justin Ferguson surrendered five runs on seven hits to the Bombers in 6 2-3 innings while leading Mansfield toward the victory. Rickabaugh came to the mound in relief to close the doors on Ithaca.

This win gives the Mountaineers a 25-16 overall record and 12-4 in the PSAC.

Mansfield is currently in second place in the PSAC. After clinching a playoff berth, the Mountaineers second baseman is confident in the teams' future success. "We will be right there in the hunt for the PSAC title at the end of the year," Baker said.

Mansfield will play Millersville University in back-to-back, home-at-home doubleheaders this weekend beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday at Shaute Field. Regardless of this weekend's outcome, the Mountaineers will be the second seed in the East division once the playoffs begin on May 9.